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To launch its 6 new flavours, Mentos Gum has created a movement. *Make Your World Go Rounder* is a web offensive designed to spread a little joy, a little craziness, a little woo hoo. "We wanted to give people a forum to express their creativity," says Mentos spokesperson Laurence Pichon. "We're not out to change the world, just to refresh things a little—one amusing idea at a time."

The premise is simple. Users visit *makeyourworldgorounder.ca* and submit an idea that would make them smile. Ideas so far have included sticking huge teddy bears to lampposts so people can hug them, building a "really long, long" slide and setting up a humongous trampoline at a busy intersection. (Tons more ideas are on the Make Your World Go Rounder website.)

Participants then share their idea with all their friends online and invite them to vote for it and/or submit an idea of their own.

Mentos Gum will make two winning ideas happen and each winner will receive $5,000. A nice round number that could make someone's world go a lot rounder!

MENTOS GUM BOUNCES AROUND THE CITY

It seemed bright red hop balls were popping up all over the city last Monday and people were finding innovative ways to enjoy them.

Drivers stopped at the lights on West Hastings Street around 10 a.m. looked on in amazement as a group of "bouncers" in white suits hopped their balls across the intersection.

Then, around lunchtime, patrons of Blenz Coffee were surprised to find bright red balls instead of chairs on the outdoor terrace. As diners bounced happily through lunch, passers-by stopped to chat and snap pictures on their cell phones. No cases of indigestion were reported.

The happy bouncers then spent the afternoon park hopping, disrupting soccer games and setting up impromptu (and unusual) games of bowling by rolling hop balls at human pins. They left confusion—and a lot of laughter—in their wake, marking a day where things went a little rounder for the citizens of Vancouver.

If you missed the action, or if you were there and want to catch yourself on video, check out **makeyourworldgorounder.ca**.

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Celebrity Buzz

Bale feels betrayed by film crew
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Mayors throw down goods for playoffs

WAGERS Vancouver better beat Chicago — the mayor has beer on the line.

Gregor Robertson is betting two cases of Granville Island, some cherry stout from Storm Brewing and a case of Molson Canadian that the Canucks can shoot down the Blackhawks in the second round of the NHL playoffs.

Robertson is also wagering a case of Happy Planet Juice, some local chocolates, tortillas, dried morels, smoked salmon, 2010 gear and some umbrellas.

For his part, Chicago Mayor Richard Daley is betting three cases of Red Felt Beer, two cases of sangria and two bottles of red zinfandel. He's also wagering some hotdogs, cupcakes, Red Hots and some Chicago 2016 gear from the city's Olympic bid.

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Cast key for new Star Trek

On the web

Grit convention

- Follow Parveen Sandur's blog from the federal Liberal convention in Vancouver at **metronews.ca**.
- For news updates from the convention, see **metronews.ca**.

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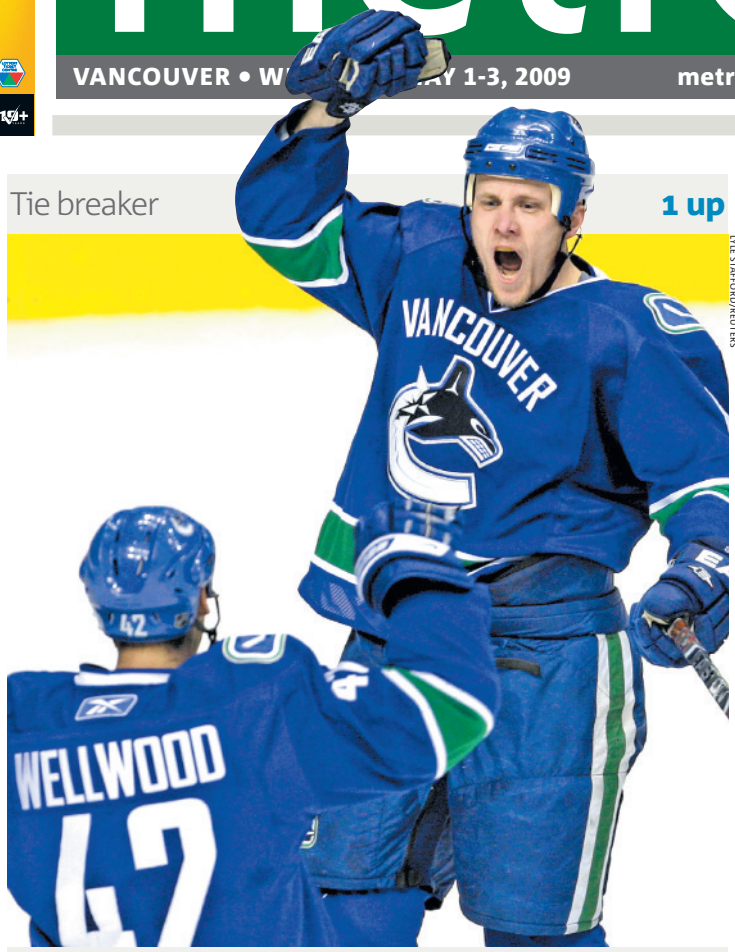

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Canucks Sami Salo, top, celebrates his third period game-winning goal against the Chicago Blackhawks with teammate Kyle Wellwood during Game 1 of the NHL Western Conference semifinal hockey playoffs Thursday night at GM Place. The Canucks won, 5-3. Coverage, pg 12

B.C. flu cases rise to eleven

Though virus here 'mild,' no room for complacency: MD

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Five new cases of swine flu — recently renamed Influenza A (H1N1) — have been confirmed in the Lower Mainland, bringing the total number of infected British Columbians to 11.

Dr. Danuta Skowronski, with the B.C. Centre For Disease Control, said on Thursday that more cases are expected.

"We are not at a pandemic level and this is still a mild illness outside of Mexico," she said. "But we don't want to be complacent. This is still an influenza virus … Hospitalization and death can occur."

Meanwhile, Japan's first suspected case of H1N1 is a 17-year-old high school student who returned last weekend from British Columbia, where more than one third of Canadian H1N1 flu cases have been confirmed.

Skowronski said this could indicate a superior level of surveillance here.

"We have a centralized laboratory testing … and a sophisticated system for alerting physicians, so I think we're (identifying cases) more," she said.

"We do (provincial) testing at the B.C. centre for disease control (unlike) other provinces that have to send tests to Winnipeg."

Skowronski added that B.C. is well prepared for the possibility of a pandemic.

"Having said that, you can't be perfectly prepared for something like this, especially an influenza pandemic which is changing and nuanced."

She also advised anyone with a fever and a cough to take the week off and isolate themselves.

"If you do need to see a physician, please call ahead so they can take appropriate infection control precautions."

MORE COVERAGE, PGS 6, 8

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Dr. Danuta Skowronski

School closure

- A school in Vernon has been closed down after a student at Beairsto Elementary School tested positive for H1N1. Coverage, pg 2

Drive-thru robber gets fried

SURREY A thief who held up a cashier at a McDonald's drive-thru in Surrey got more than French fries with his demand when a second staff member threw boiling oil in the suspect's face.

The man walked up to the window near 96th Avenue and 160th Street on Tuesday night and, with his shirt pulled over his face, held a knife to the attendant and demanded cash.

"As the suspect was reaching in through the window attempting to grab money from the cash drawer … another staffer threw a litre of boiling oil on to the man's face," said Sgt. Roger Morrow.

The suspect, who had managed to grab some cash, fled on foot.

"I can't say definitively that we will not be charging the person who threw oil in the robber's face, but I would suggest it's unlikely," Morrow said. "The focus of our investigation would be on catching the person who was brandishing this weapon and robbing the fast food restaurant."

A McDonald's representative said he couldn't comment on an ongoing investigation.

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Investigation

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Senior to take part in marathon

A 90-year-old man is expected to participate in Sunday's BMO Vancouver Marathon. Peter Madsen, a former runner, will be walking 21 kilometres in the half marathon with his 62-year-old wife, Helga. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Backstreet bidding

The Lower Mainland chapter of Big Sisters is auctioning off a date with Backstreet Boy AJ McLean, left, to raise funds for its mentoring programs. Fans can bid on the heartthrob on eBay from May 8 to 15. The top bidder will get a private lunch for five with McLean in a five-star Vancouver restaurant on June 12. METRO VANCOUVER

Girl, 13, facing robbery charges

PURSE SNATCHING A 13-year-old girl has been charged with robbery and an 11-year-old girl released because of her age in connection with an attempted purse snatching in East Vancouver.

Const. Anne Longley said a woman was walking near Vanness Avenue and Earles Street on April 22 when she was approached by three girls who tried to rob her at knifepoint.

She refused to give up her purse and called 9-1-1. The two suspects were found on the SkyTrain and taken into custody.

Police believe the teenagers are responsible for two other incidents in the same neighbourhood, one in which the victim was robbed and the other in which the victim refused to hand over her purse.

Investigators are looking for a third suspect.

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Video Stephen Harper spends his birthday with a flock of flamingos and defending his government's investment in Chrysler at **metronews.ca/canada**

Iggy tells Grits to 'reach out'

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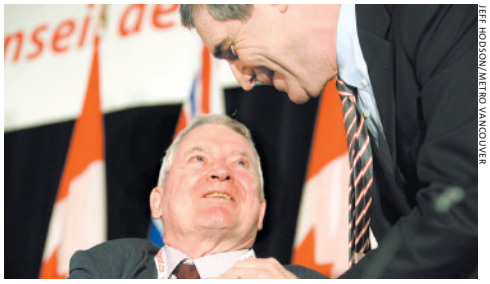
Federal Liberals need to "reach out" to almost one million disaffected party members who failed to vote in October's election that resulted in the party's poorest showing in a quarter century, Michael Ignatieff said Thursday in Vancouver.

Speaking to riding presidents at the start of the biennial Liberal convention, Ignatieff said the party must build from its grassroots by signing up new Liberals. It must also bring estranged members back to the "great big tent that includes every single Canadian."



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Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff, right, greets former prime minister John Turner at the Vancouver Convention Centre Thursday.

"It's the most disturbing number we have to turn around — 800,000 Liberals stayed home last time," Ignatieff said. "They didn't go to another party, thank God, but they stayed in their seat."

The convention, which runs until Sunday, will host 1,500 of the party's 7,000 delegates.

It will be small by Liberal standards (there is no leadership race, Ignatieff will be acclaimed leader) and is competing for media coverage in B.C. with the provincial election and the Stanley Cup playoffs.

Ignatieff said it was "crucial to the legitimacy of the party" to hold the convention in B.C. so that it would be perceived across the country as a "great national institution."

Pot activists

- Thousands of pot activists will march from the Art Gallery to the Liberal convention on Saturday, calling for the legalization of marijuana.

Second Amtrak line would bring in millions: Officials

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TOURISM The addition of a second Amtrak service from Oregon to Vancouver would generate an extra $13 million in tourism spending each year, more than offsetting the costs of the service, representatives from the tourism and transportation industry say.

The Canada Border Services Agency and federal government has approved a plan to run a second Amtrak train during the 2010 Games.

But local tourism and transit organizations, including Tourism B.C. and TransLink, have sent a letter to the Public Safety Minister and CBSA asking that the service be expanded to June 2010 from June 2009.

Katie Emery, a spokesperson with Tourism Vancouver — whose CEO and chair both signed the letter — said the CBSA has been reluctant to approve a second train because it would cost $500,000 a year to employ extra border service staff.

"The economic impact of bringing in that second train far outweighs (those) daily costs," Emery said.

"A second train that accommodates another time of day makes it easier for visitors to come back and forth."

Emery added that an extra train would also cut greenhouse gas emissions by giving travellers an alternative to driving.

News in brief

POLICING Extra police officers will be downtown, especially in the Granville Entertainment District, during the Vancouver Canucks-Chicago Blackhawks series, news1130.com reports. There were no major incidents during the first round against St. Louis.

BRIDGE CLOSURE As many as two lanes of the Burrard Street Bridge will be closed to vehicle traffic this summer to test the viability of adding bike lanes to the historic structure.

BUST Police seized an assault rifle Thursday after executing a warrant at an Abbotsford home. A substantial quantity of ammunition, crack, cocaine and cash were also seized from the home.

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Flu fears close Vernon school

SWINE FLU A school in Vernon was shut down after a student tested positive for the H1N1 influenza A virus, commonly referred to as swine flu.

This is the first reported school closure in Canada due to the flu.

B.C. health officials have closed Beairsto Elementary School for one week after a student tested positive.

At a press conference in Victoria yesterday, provincial health officer Dr. Perry Kendall said it's important to stay calm while remaining cautious.

"The best thing parents and schools can do to protect children is to keep them home from school if they're sick and to continue taking common sense health precautions to combat the spread of the flu."

He said additional measures to keep schools clean have been put in place.

"There have been extra janitors added to busier schools and a higher concentration on cleaning doorknobs and taps," said Kendall.

David Weir, with the Vancouver School Board, said the VSB has prepared a letter to be sent home with students today.

"We take all of our recommendations from Vancouver Coastal Authority and will be passing on their advice to parents," said Weir.

Anyone feeling ill is advised to call HealthLink B.C. at 8-1-1. KELSEA BLOXAM/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

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Fans invited to name new AHL team in Abbotsford
Hockey fans are being invited to submit names for Abbotsford's new AHL team. The Calgary Flames farm team, which had been based out of Illinois, will be moving to the Fraser Valley this year. For more information visit fraservalleyahl.com. METRO VANCOUVER

'It's time to forgive': Odjick

Ex-NHLer reflects on residential schools' legacy after Pope's lament

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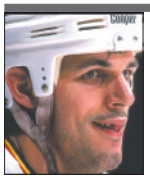
Former Vancouver Canuck Gino Odjick, an Algonquin from Maniwaki, Que., said that being at the Vatican this week to hear the Pope express his sorrow for the "anguish" Canadian aboriginals suffered in residential schools was bigger than any hockey game he has ever played.

Odjick, a Canuck for eight years, said he remembers a time when he was about 14 years old when he stepped on the ice, looked at the non-native kids and felt inferior.



"I used to look up to NHL players and it was like they could walk on water. I didn't think native kids could ever get there."
Gino Odjick, former Canuck

"I used to look up to NHL players and it was like they could walk on water," Odjick said from Italy on Thursday. "I didn't think native kids could ever get there."

At 20, Odjick did get there when the Canucks selected him in the 1990 NHL entry draft.

"I felt inferior until (coach) Pat Quinn told me to be proud of who I am and to lift my head up," he said.

Odjick's father is a residential school survivor. He said it's time for non-aboriginals to learn more about this part of our history.

"They took five-year-old children from their parents and arrested the parents if they resisted," he said. "It wasn't the church that arrested the parents, it was the RCMP."

Although the Pope's public statement didn't officially include the word "apology," Odjick said that members of the Canadian group who met with the pontiff told him the Pope's words and body language seemed genuine.

"It's time to forgive, time to heal and time to move forward as a group," Odjick said.

Dance **Aerial practice**

JEFF HOSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Members of the Aeriosa Dance Society hold an open practice outside the main branch of the Vancouver Public Library Thursday. The dancers and pleasant weather captivated passersby.

Health issues drive teens to smoke pot, study says

RESEARCH Many teenagers who smoke marijuana are trying to find a way to cope with mental and physical problems, not to get high, a Vancouver researcher says.

Dr. Joan L. Bottorff of the University of British Columbia and her team found that adolescents who use marijuana to deal with depression, grief, stress or anxiety feel they have no other options.

The researchers interviewed 20 B.C. teenagers for a report published in the online journal Substance Abuse, Treatment, Prevention and Policy.

The teens said they had sought help from doctors or other adults, but their concerns weren't taken seriously or the treatments they were offered didn't help. REUTERS

Ill women users stigmatized: Report

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HEALTH Scoring street drugs is often the easier alternative to pain relief than acquiring prescription medication, according to a report based on a group of female users in the Downtown Eastside.

A two-year study conducted by the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users Care Team found that 70 per cent of women requesting health services were stigmatized by the health-care system.

"It's easier to get drugs on the street than drugs from a doctor."
Dr. Amy Salmon

"It's easier to get drugs on the street than drugs from a doctor," said Dr. Amy Salmon, principal investigator from the Women's Health Research Institute.

Three of the 50 women in the study died before the report was completed. One committed suicide, another overdosed and the other died of untreated health conditions.

The report found nearly 40 per cent had been denied pain medication by health workers despite significant health issues such as arthritis and diabetes.

Salmon said poor communication between patients and doctors was one of the system's biggest failures.

"These women aren't always understood or even well-respected," she said.

Flu fears send cruise ships toward Victoria

TOURISM A major cruise ship company will be making six stops in Victoria after it suspended trips to Mexico due to swine flu fears.

Royal Caribbean International has announced that its Mariner of the Seas will be docking in Victoria throughout May.

David Petryk of Tourism British Columbia said Thursday the announcement would have a major impact on local tourism.

"It's going to be great for B.C., especially Victoria. It's projected to bring in $4.5 million into the industry," said Petryk

Tourism has seen a downfall after five cruise liners announced they would sail toward more profitable European waters.

Petryk is hopeful the new venture with Royal Caribbean will motivate other companies to come to B.C. KELSEA BLOXAM/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

EXPLOSION The three people injured in an apartment explosion on Wednesday evening remain in intensive care and police have not yet been able to speak with them, cknw.com reports. Investigators are treating the blast as suspicious.

THREAT A Burnaby tenant allegedly pulled out a gun and threatened his landlord during a dispute, news1130.com reports. The two men were taken into custody after the standoff that lasted for several hours. Police found a pellet gun.

EXTORTION RCMP in Richmond are conducting an extortion investigation after several residents and businesses reported receiving threatening phone calls from a man demanding a large amount of money. The caller threatens the victims if they don't comply with his demands. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Trade reps put Canada on watch list

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Canada

Haligonians flee forest fire

A major forest fire in the Spryfield area south of Halifax forced people to flee their homes Thursday afternoon. Halifax Regional Fire Services confirmed that it has been evacuating homes in a section of Spryfield where firefighters were battling a major fire. "There is an evacuation currently on the Purcell's Cove Road on the outside around 800 block and any side streets off that," fire services spokesman Lloyd Currie said. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Banks targeting new arrival profits

MONEY Recent arrivals in Canada have become an appealing target for the big banks as they seek to expand the safe and reliable money-maker that is retail banking, a new report said.

The renewed push to win new customers among the country's fastest-growing population segment comes at a time when the sector is clinging tightly to its conservative business instincts.

While the banks will not say how much money they spend on luring new immigrants — or how much money they stand to make — the potential for a big payoff is obvious.

"They wouldn't have made this effort unless they thought it was very important," said Mario Mendonca, banking analyst at Genuity Capital. REUTERS

Confirmed flu cases mount

Canada's total jumps to 34

H1N1 influenza A, more commonly called swine flu, continues to march across Canada with 34 confirmed, but mild, cases across five provinces — and infectious disease experts say this may be the tip of the iceberg.

In Canada, there have been 15 new confirmed positive cases since Wednesday, bringing the total to 34. British Columbia has five new cases and Alberta four. There are another four in Nova Scotia, one in Ontario and one in Quebec. But more cases are expected as test results from nasal swab samples become available.

The virus originated in pigs, and has genes from human, bird and pig viruses. Scientists don't know exactly how it jumped to humans. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Harper

- Prime Minister Stephen Harper said on Thursday the government is doing all that is needed to respond to the swine flu outbreak.

Ottawa **Harper turns 50**

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper looks at plastic flamingos placed on the front lawn of his official residence, 24 Sussex Drive, while walking with his daughter Rachel in Ottawa on Thursday. Staffers placed 50 plastic flamingos on the lawn to mark Harper's 50th birthday.

Ottawa 'ducking its own laws': Report

ANIMALS Canada's species at highest risk — caribou, spotted owls and the freshwater kidneyshell mussel — remain under threat because the federal government is failing to use its own laws to protect them, says a coalition of environmental groups.

A report card released by the environmentalists gave Canada a failing grade for "ducking its own laws" by not using the safeguards in its Species at Risk Act to protect hundreds of species of animals, birds, fish, marine life and plants.

"In the absence of habitat protection for at-risk species, habitat degradation continues and we can expect Canadian species to continue to decline," concludes the report, researched by Ecojustice, the David Suzuki Foundation, Nature Canada and Environmental Defence

An Environment Canada spokesperson did not respond to an interview request but in an email said, "The government has committed $275 (million) over five years to the Species at Risk Act." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

FLOODING The Manitoba government has given clearance for municipalities to enforce mandatory buyouts of flood-prone homes, CBC News Online reports. Emergency Measures Minister Steve Ashton announced the flood plan will include support for municipalities that want to take that step. CBC NEWS ONLINE

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Families flee battle zone in Pakistani valley

Hundreds of families fled Pakistan's Buner valley on Thursday as security forces battled through mountain passes to evict Taliban fighters, whose advance towards Islamabad had sown alarm. The military mounted an offensive on Tuesday after the Taliban had crept from their stronghold in the adjoining Swat Valley. REUTERS

World

Egypt culls pigs amid flu fears

Egypt started slaughtering herds of pigs on Thursday as a precaution against swine flu, despite resistance by farmers. The United Nations said the mass cull of up to 400,000 pigs was "a real mistake" because the new strain — a mix of swine, avian and human viruses — has not been found in pigs. REUTERS

'Loner' gunman kills 13 at university in Azerbaijan

SHOOTING Thirteen people were killed at a university in Azerbaijan on Thursday when a gunman went from floor to floor firing on teachers and students after the bell rang for morning classes.

The gunman, a Georgian citizen of Azerbaijani origin described as a loner by local media, was among the dead. The government said it did not see a political motive behind the shooting at the prestigious State Oil Academy in the capital city of Baku.

"He climbed from the first floor to the sixth, shooting people mainly in the head from a Makarov pistol," the state prosecutor's office said. The Makarov is a Russian-made semi-automatic pistol.

A security guard and a cleaner were killed before the gunman opened fire on students and teachers. A witness said one student had tried to stop the gunman, approaching him and shouting: "Don't shoot, don't shoot!" He was shot in the head. REUTERS

Apeldoorn **Tragedy at parade**

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Dutch Princess Maxima, left, and Prince Willem-Alexander look on after a car deliberately ploughed into a royal parade in Apeldoorn, Netherlands, on Thursday, killing five people and injuring 12, officials said. None of the royals was hurt.

News in brief

THEORIES Dead pigs in China, evil factory farms in Mexico and an al-Qaida plot involving Mexican drug cartels are some wild theories behind the deadly flu outbreak. Scientists say the origins are in fact likely explained by the ability of viruses to mutate and jump between species as animals and people increasingly live closer to each other. REUTERS

Flu could be 'drastic': IMF

The economic impact from the swine flu outbreak could be "quite drastic" in some countries, the International Monetary Fund's chief economist said Thursday.

Addressing the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, IMF chief economist Olivier Blanchard said it was clear that tourism volumes will be affected. He indicated it was too early to say what the impact of the outbreak will be on the global economy, which is already in a recession.

Mexico urged people to stay home for a five-day partial shutdown of the economy, and its central bank warned the outbreak could deepen the recession.

The new flu virus has killed up to 176 people in Mexico and cases have been reported in the U.S., Latin America and Europe. Global markets were taking the news of swine flu, which the World Health Organization officially renamed influenza A (H1N1) Thursday, in stride.

But if the outbreak shuts down trade, the cost to the global economy could reach trillions of dollars, World Bank studies have estimated. REUTERS

Shutdown defied

- A major Mexican factory association said Thursday that plants will operate May 1-5 despite a government call for a shutdown of swaths of the economy.

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U.S. bill seeks healthy school snacks
U.S. schools with vending machines that sell candy and soda to students could soon find the government requiring healthier options to combat childhood obesity under a bill introduced Thursday by two senators. REUTERS

French nuclear plant evacuated

THREAT A nuclear power station at Chinon in central France was evacuated on Thursday after a phone call warning of a bomb, power supplier EDF said.

EDF said that, while searches continued, the core areas of the plant had been secured.

The nuclear plant was still functioning, EDF added.

The local authorities said the phone call warning had been made from a phone box in the town of Chinon in the Indre-et-Loire department.

The Chinon plant, which has four 900-megawatt nuclear reactors, supplies electricity to around six per cent of the French population.

Workers at the Chinon plant have been carrying out protests in the last few months. Unions, demanding a five per cent pay rise and a 1,500-euro bonus, called for more protests on Thursday.

Actions have included power capacity cuts and delaying a maintenance program scheduled to start this month.

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Clinton takes tough stance on North Korea

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Thursday the United States had no plans to give North Korea economic aid and Pyongyang was digging a "deeper and deeper" hole with its latest actions.

"We have absolutely no interest and no willingness on the part of this administration to give them any economic aid at all," Clinton told lawmakers.

She was defending a budget request for nearly $100 million for future U.S. economic aid to North Korea.

"That money is in there in the event, which at this point seems implausible if not impossible, the North Koreans return to the six-party talks and begin to disable their nuclear capacity again," she said.

"We have absolutely no interest and no willingness on the part of this administration to give them any economic aid at all."
Hillary Clinton

"They are digging themselves into a deeper and deeper hole with the international community," Clinton added at a hearing by the Senate appropriations committee.

Last December, the United States suspended fuel aid to the energy-starved North until it agreed to take specific steps to verify its nuclear activities, which Pyongyang refused to do.

Kansas Republican Senator Sam Brownback said the request for future U.S. aid funds sent "exactly the wrong message" to the North."

"If North Korea doesn't perform then we should … move quickly to reimpose sanctions that have been waived," Brownback said.

North Korea on Wednesday threatened a new nuclear test unless the UN Security Council apologized for sanctions that were tightened after Pyongyang's April 5 rocket launch.

REUTERS

News in brief

SAUDI ARABIA A 50-year-old Saudi man has agreed to divorce his nine-year-old bride, media reported Thursday, after the marriage drew international criticism.

U.K. British lawmakers voted Thursday to overhaul some of their perks, a week after Prime Minister Gordon Brown proposed changes to quell growing public anger over the allowances that members of parliament enjoy. Disclosures about expenses have exacerbated Brown's woes this year on top of a slumping economy. REUTERS

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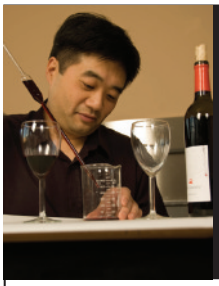

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Hidden worlds of HRCs

Freedom is a Canadian value that we shouldn't give up

Ezra Levant

Three years ago I was the publisher of a magazine that printed pictures of some Danish cartoons of Muhammad. They were newsworthy because those cartoons sparked riots in the Muslim world that killed more than 100 people. We wanted to show our readers what all the fuss was about.

But by doing so, I was charged by the government of Alberta with "hate speech," and prosecuted for 900 days by 15 government lawyers and bureaucrats at Alberta's human rights commission (HRC). I was finally acquitted, but not before spending $100,000 in legal fees.

Funny: I thought freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of religion were human rights!

While I was being hunted by the government because of my political views, I researched these HRCs and discovered a whole underground legal system — 14 commissions across the country, with 1,000 full-time staff, and an annual budget of $200 million. HRCs rarely make the news, and their procedures are nothing like real courts. They're not even run by real judges, and they lack the procedural checks and balances to make sure we don't commit injustices.

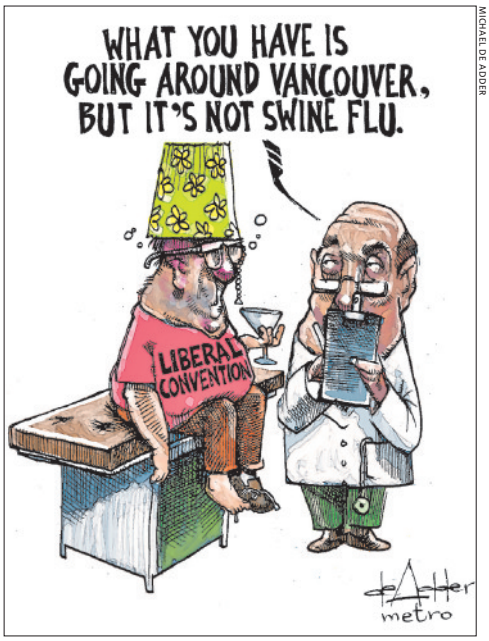
Perhaps the most terrifying thing I learned in my research was that in the 32 years that the federal Canadian Human Rights Commission has been prosecuting "hate speech" cases, not a single person had ever been acquitted of the charge. A 100 per cent conviction rate is something you'd expect from a country like China or Iran, not Canada. Then again, banning words — even offensive words — isn't a Canadian tradition, either. We debate people we disagree with, or we ignore them. We don't have the government prosecute them.

My case, and a similar case involving Mark Steyn and Maclean's magazine, brought the hidden worlds of HRCs into the light. Since then, politicians and journalists alike have condemned them for their un-Canadian attempts to censor citizens.

Freedom of speech is something we take for granted, so we rarely think about it. But the price of freedom is eternal vigilance.

We've got to reform these HRCs, to get them out of the censorship business. And we've got to remind Canada's other censors — from university "speech code" enforcers to the radio and TV regulators at the CRTC — that freedom is a Canadian value and we won't give it up easily.

Ezra Levant is the author of Shakedown. A lawyer by profession, he was the publisher of the Western Standard magazine, which reprinted the Danish cartoons of Muhammad.



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Views

Home stretch on the provincial hustings

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Paul Sullivan

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It's hard to believe, but there are only 12 days before the provincial election.

It's even harder to believe that only three points separate the Liberals and the NDP in the latest poll. The NDP has done nothing to earn its strong showing, but the numbers don't lie, right? Carole James is right up there, barking at the heels of the Sun King, although I dare you to list three things she believes in, or says she believes in.

If you are Premier Gordon Campbell and the Liberals, the campaign — which started with such promise — is going sideways, thanks to John Van Donkey and his traffic violations. A wayward solicitor general trumps a naughty boy (NDP candidate Ray Lam and his creepy Facebook photos). So neither party holds the moral high ground. Hello? This is politics. If you're looking for morality, go to church. Or maybe not.

The Liberals have wasted no time getting to the NDP's soft spot: With the global economy in the tank, why would you revert to the NDP, which only made the last recession worse?

It's a compelling argument, and if the NDP continues to hide in the weeds, it could work. Unless James is ready to make her case, I'm guessing we're heading toward a reduced Liberal majority, or even (intriguingly) a minority.

If I were an NDP strategist (what a thought!), I might see the next 12 days as an opportunity to do more than hold my breath. Now is the time to do a Barack Obama and roll out a vision for B.C. that appeals to the besieged middle. With all due respect, conceding the economy to Campbell won't work. There are hundreds of thousands of people who are suffering in this economy. Nearly 70,000 have lost their jobs, and there are more job losses on the way. The NDP has advanced the idea of increasing the minimum wage to $10 an hour; the fact is it costs $16 an hour to live in this city?

An NDP vision that dares to talk positively about fairness and prosperity for all, not just undermining Gordon Campbell, might actually work. The same poll that puts the NDP so close to the Liberals has James seriously lagging behind Campbell on leadership of the economy (48 per cent to 16 per cent). Unless she's prepared to stand up and be counted, the alternative is to let Campbell do all the work. And he's good with that.

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Letters

Services now beyond the reach of average B.C. families

Gordon Campbell recently voted himself a 54 per cent wage increase — while homelessness in B.C. increased by a shameful 364 per cent. Taxpayers in B.C. are footing the bill for the $1-billion-plus Olympics at a time when the province has the highest number of children living in poverty in Canada.

Gordon Campbell claims we can't afford to raise the minimum wage, but we can afford a $1-billion Skytrain to the airport. Since being elected, Campbell's Liberals have cut support services to women, privatized many of the public-sector jobs across B.C. and raised post-secondary tuition rates beyond the reach of average B.C. families.

The Best Place on Earth? I don't think so.

NANCY M. FORHAN, RICHMOND

Many people still facing doom and gloom

Re: This ain't Flint — doom, gloom be damned (April 30)

Clearly Scott Broderick is not a recent graduate with thousands of dollars in student loans who can't get a job because of the extremely high levels of experienced workers who, having lost their jobs, are now applying for what were once "break-in" or "starter" positions.

He also obviously doesn't work for manufacturing companies, which have laid off hundreds of thousands of employees. Nor does he have a mortgage, car payments, insurance payments, children in university or college, only to be told both his wife and him have lost their jobs, need to sell their home and car and no longer have extended benefits.

Hmm ... what's with all the doom and gloom, he asks? Perhaps, despite the overall picture, which only benefits those who still have an income, are debt-free and didn't invest in any stocks that have tanked, he should try narrowing his focus to individual struggles instead of trivializing the heartaches and woes of millions of Canadians, Americans and many others around the world.

It's time he got off his pedestal and learned to commune with the common man.

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Canadian business innovation lagging: Report 11

Canada is lagging behind the rest of the world when it comes to business innovation, a trend that could undermine efforts to strengthen its economy, says a new report. CBC NEWS ONLINE

Business

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty speak at a news conference in Toronto yesterday.

Canada takes 2% stake in Chrysler

Feds, Ontario to give $2.42B for restructuring

Canada's government will take an ownership stake in troubled automaker Chrysler in exchange for more than $2 billion US in loans under a sweeping North American rescue plan, government officials said on Thursday.

Chrysler filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in the United States earlier in the day and also entered into an alliance with Italian automaker Fiat SpA.

The Canadian government, along with Ontario, will provide $2.42 billion in financing to assist with the restructuring process. Under the terms of the deal, Canada will take a two per cent stake in the revamped Chrysler and will have one director on its nine-member board.

As part of the bankruptcy filing, the U.S. government will provide up to $3.5 billion in debtor-in-possession financing and up to $4.5 billion in exit financing. Washington hopes the entire process will take only 30 to 60 days.

Canada hopes the aid will allow Chrysler to survive, albeit as a smaller company.

"Let's not give the impression that everything is being saved ... These will be smaller companies with less employment," said Prime Minister Stephen Harper at a news conference yesterday. REUTERS

Guarantee

- The Chrysler agreement includes clauses that guarantee the company maintains 20 per cent of its North American manufacturing footprint and investment in Canada

Manufacturing cushions fall in GDP

ECONOMY Manufacturing output in Canada rose in February for the first time since July, boosted by a recovery in autos and limiting the fall in gross domestic product to 0.1 per cent, Statistics Canada said on Thursday.

It was the seventh straight monthly fall in GDP and left GDP 2.3 per cent lower compared with a year earlier. But the monthly decline was significantly less than the 0.7 per cent fall back in January, which saw a particularly weak auto sector.

Motor vehicle and parts manufacturing jumped by 19 per cent, the first rise since June. Overall manufacturing managed to edge up 0.1 per cent, as did the service sector.

Oil and gas extraction also rose, but construction, wholesale and retail declined. REUTERS

Business in brief

FOOD The president of a group of disgruntled Quiznos franchisees said the fast-food chain has been granted a court injunction, forcing him to close his three Oakville, Ont.-area restaurants. The franchisees allege in their lawsuit that Quiznos is overcharging them for supplies.

FLU Fear of H1N1 flu virus has led to a brisk uptick in business at U.S. and Canadian drugstore chains as hand sanitizers, antibacterial soap, and protective masks and gloves fly off the shelves. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Chelios headlines Masterton nominees

Detroit's Chris Chelios, Nashville's Steve Sullivan and Florida's Richard Zednik are the finalists for the NHL's Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy. The award is presented each season to the player who "best exemplifies the qualities of perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Molitor bout shelved due to flu virus

Canadian boxer Steve Molitor is facing a delay in his quest to regain a world title, and his promoter says swine flu is to blame. Molitor was scheduled to fight a tune-up bout tonight in Mexico before the spread of the disease prompted a postponement. IBF rules prevent fighters coming off knockout losses — like what happened to Molitor against Celestino Caballero in November — from being top contenders, so winning against a hand-picked opponent was supposed to keep him eligible for the No. 1 ranking. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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NBA Bulls win epic contest

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Chicago Bulls player Joakim Noah celebrates with fans after defeating the Boston Celtics 128-127 in three overtimes in Game 6 of their first-round NBA playoff series on Thursday in Chicago.

Canucks escape with win

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Vancouver Canucks blue-liner Sami Salo is mobbed by teammates after scoring the game-winning goal Thursday.

THE SKINNY: Sami Salo scored his second game-winner of the playoffs by potting a rebound on a 4-on-1 rush with just over a minute to play. Vancouver raced out to a 3-0 lead through two periods on goals by Pavol Demitra, Henrik Sedin and Ryan Kesler, only to see the young Hawks roar back to tie it in the third. Ryan Johnson iced the victory with an empty-netter.

THE SCARE: David Bolland's goal with 5:29 to play capped a three-goal rally in less than fourteen minutes that saw sniper Patrick Kane beat Roberto Luongo twice. Overtime seemed imminent before Salo snuffed out the comeback.

THE REVIEW: Expect Chicago's Ben Eager to at least get a call from NHL head office after he delivered a late hit to Rick Rypien's head with his elbow. Canucks coach Alain Vigneault compared the incident to the one that earned Washington's Donald Brashear a five-game suspension earlier this week.

THE STAR: Kyle Wellwood was all over the ice. He finished with a pair of assists and drew ten minutes in penalties, including two double-minors for high-sticking.

THE QUOTE: "At least he looks a bit more like a hockey player now." Vigneault joking about the pair of cuts on Wellwood's face as a result of Hawks lumber.

THE RATING: Chicago didn't show up for the first two periods, but the game got very interesting in the third. 3.5 out of 5 stars.

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Ticats have strong draft position

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Bob O'Billovich and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats are in an enviable position heading into the CFL draft.

Not only does the Ticats' general manager have the top pick in Saturday's annual event, he also has the No. 3 pick, and both will help him retool after a 3-15 campaign.

O'Billovich long ago identified the top three prospects as Alberta offensive lineman Simeon Rotter, Bishop's running back Jamall Lee and Laval defensive lineman Etienne Legare. But Lee threw a wrench in O'Billovich's plans this week when he signed an NFL contract with the Carolina Panthers.

"I don't think we'd use a first round pick on him — we feel more like we need somebody who will be at our camp," O'Billovich said.

"We're going into draft like he's not there."

But unless the Toronto Argonauts use the No. 2 pick on Lee, O'Billovich would likely have to look outside his top three in the No. 3 slot.

That group is led by Acadia receiver Matt Carter, ranked fourth by the CFL Scouting Bureau, and Calgary offensive lineman Dylan Steenberger, ranked fifth.

O'Billovich said he already has an abundance of good, young offensive lineman, and plans to draft as much on need as on selecting the best player available.

"We have a high regard for those two players (Rottier and Legare)," said O'Billovich.

"But there are other players at other positions we are going to consider.

"It's fine to rate guys, but it doesn't necessarily mean that's the guys you're going to pick.

"If we're not in need of those positions, we might be more interested in someone else."

The B.C. Lions hold the fourth, fifth and sixth selections and have made no secret about the fact they'd trade any combination of those picks to move up in the draft.

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The Lions have a trio of first round picks, from 4 to 6.

Saturday

- TSN's live television coverage of the first two rounds of the draft starts on Saturday at 9 a.m.

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Leading the charge in three popular X-Men movies turned Wolverine (and actor Hugh Jackman) into one of Hollywood's most alluring big-screen superheroes. For fans of big summer action flicks, his claws will most certainly find some traction.

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Filmmaker admits the tough task of Star Trek casting.

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Animation: Where you don't even meet your costars.

At a glance
X-Men Origins: Wolverine ⊕⊕½; Ghosts of Girlfriends Past ⊕; Act Of God ⊕⊕; Bart Got a Room ⊕⊕⊕

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Wolverine without bite

X-Men Origins: **Wolverine**

Director: Gavin Hood
Stars: Hugh Jackman, Liev Schreiber
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕½

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Leading the charge in three popular X-Men movies turned Wolverine (and actor Hugh Jackman) into one of Hollywood's most alluring big-screen superheroes. Now, with his origin on-screen for all to see, a mostly uninspired movie may nullify the mutant's mystique.

Hugh Jackman, left, and Liev Schreiber play mutant siblings in X-Men Origins: Wolverine, in theatres today.

In fact, although Wolverine is jam-packed with action and eye-catching special effects, at 108 minutes (modest compared to most superhero movies), it may actually suffer from its own succinctness.

It all begins with an engaging prologue set in 1845, after young James Logan tragically discovers the spiky claws that occasionally protrude from his knuckles.

From there, director Gavin Hood (Tsotsi) treats us to a stylish but inexplicable decades-spanning credit sequence featuring Logan and his brother Victor (whose mutant gifts include the razor-sharp "fingernails of a bag lady") battling together through the Civil War, two World Wars and Vietnam.

They're either immortal, or extremely youthful-looking for their age — we're to presume.

Eventually, they find themselves in a secret organization of mutants led by the diabolical Colonel Stryker (Danny Huston).

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But after Logan abandons the corrupt squad, he is forced into defending himself from his now-vengeful brother and Stryker's deceptive experiment to enhance mutant powers.

Several other mutants pop up along the way (including the as-yet unnamed character Cyclops) but as mildly-amusing as their appearances are, many seem extraneous or simply underdeveloped. As well, hardcore fans may take issue with a few liberties in the folklore.

While Wolverine may not appease those dedicated followers of the X-Men hero, for other fans of big summer action flicks, Wolverine's claws will most certainly still find some traction.

- To see a X-Men Origins: Wolverine trailer, or for screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies.

In search of a real, human enterprise

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

"Zachary Quinto walked in and I just gasped. It was so obvious he was born to play (Spock)." J.J. Abrams

FEATURE As a filmmaker, J.J. Abrams has already had an impressive career, from creating iconic television series like Lost, Alias and Felicity to having a hand in movies as diverse as Regarding Henry and the most recent Mission: Impossible.

But in bringing his latest, Star Trek, to the screen, he faced a new obstacle: how to take a 40-year-old franchise with 10 films under its belt and make it fresh and interesting.

"The audience is very sophisticated now, so it had to work on a level that they didn't have to worry about in 1966," Abrams says. "I never felt it was real. A lot of that had to do with resources they had."

Abrams came on board fairly unfamiliar with the Star Trek franchise, something that certainly had a lot of die-hard fans worried. "I never quite got it the way certain people did," he admits. But he saw that as an opportunity rather than a drawback.

"I thought that was a cool challenge, to create a Star Trek that was appealing to me."

A scene from the rebooted version of Star Trek, which hits theatres next week.

To make that possible, Abrams focused less on the technical aspects and more on the human — and Vulcan — factor. "I was never worried about the visual effects, I was never worried about the design," he explains. "What I was worried about was finding actors who would make this feel real."

And actors who could step into some of the most iconic roles in science fiction.

While most of the cast fell into place, Abrams was most concerned with finding his two leads, Capt. Kirk and Mr. Spock. "I thought Spock would be the hardest character to cast," Abrams says. "But Zachary Quinto walked in and I just gasped. It was so obvious he was born to play this part."

Finding someone to take on Kirk, a role over which William Shatner casts a long shadow, was more daunting. "Kirk was the last person we cast," Abrams says.

- Star Trek hits theatres across Canada next Friday.

Music dampens charming Bart Got A Room

Bart Got a **Room**

Director: Ben Hecker
Stars: Steven Kaplan, William H. Macy, Cheryl Hines
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Like a John Hughes film with extra chutzpah, writer/director Ben Hecker's new coming of age comedy, Bart Got a Room, details the often painful follies of teenage life as seen through the eyes of a terminally awkward Jewish kid who's looking for love in all the wrong places.

Danny (Steven Kaplan) is having a terrible time finding a date for his high school prom. His divorcee parents (William H. Macy and Cheryl Hines) and slovenly best friend (Brandon Hardesty) all offer advice ranging from practical to ludicrous and ultimately only serve to obscure the fact that his gawky childhood pal Camille (Alia Shawkat) might be the one.

Even with the Hebrew twist, Bart Got a Room treads familiar teen flick turf and is severely hampered by one of the most obnoxiously inappropriate, smugly upbeat scores in recent memory. The supporting cast however is universally great, with an underused Macy owning the pic as the sexually-desperate dad and the long MIA Jennifer Tilley matching his lunatic lust in a brilliantly breathy cameo.

All in all, Bart Got a Room is a pretty good movie, with plenty of laughs and a sweet disposition. With more Macy, a few more narrative curveballs and less fake Woody Allen swing music however, it might have been a something really special.

A scene from Bart Got A Room.

Adoption advice rumours false: Source

Looks like Jennifer Aniston isn't following in ex Brad Pitt's footsteps. Tabloid Star reports that Pitt is giving Aniston advice about adopting a baby boy. "They are completely wrong," a source tells usmagazine.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Reel Time

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Nothing seems to gel in Act of God

Act of **God**
Director: Jennifer Baichwal
Stars: Fred Firth, Paul Auster, Salome Morales
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Act Of God is the latest movie by Canadian documentary filmmaker Jennifer Baichwal — best known for Manufactured Landscapes, her award-winning study of Edward Burtynsky.

Like all of Baichwal's work, Act Of God is a highly ambitious and willfully ambiguous film. Unfortunately, the subject matter she has chosen this time is just a little too broad for the 75-minute runtime. While there are certainly moments and ideas in the film that are fascinating, none of it really gels together making the viewing experience a frustrating one.

The final product might not live up to the premise, but Baichwal certainly came up with a intriguing concept for Act Of God. The movie is about the effect that being struck by lightning has on the victims.

The director tracked down a number of fascinating subjects for her film including a Cuban parade dedicated to the god of lightening, a Mexican woman whose child was killed by lightening, and an interview with author Paul Auster who's lightening experience had a profound impact on his life and work.

Baichwal probes her various subjects to discover how this seemingly random event has shaped their lives and consistently gets some surprisingly spiritual responses.

A scene from the documentary Anvil!: The Story of Anvil.

Anvil! the real deal?

YURI WUENSCH
for Metro Canada

FEATURE Is it myth or metal, or both? That's the big question posed by Anvil! The Story of Anvil, a music documentary chronicling the rise and fall and rise of the titular Canuck speed-metal legends.

The story goes that Anvil bandmates Steve (Lips) Kudlow and drummer Robb Reiner met as teenagers during the 1970s and vowed to rock together forever.

By the early '80s, Anvil was a force to be reckoned with in the world of heavy metal — as documentary testimonials by the likes of Metallica's Lars Ulrich and Slash (formerly of Guns 'N Roses) attest to.

However, not long after their peak, label problems and band-related strife relegated Anvil to the annals of rock 'n' roll obscurity. Today, Kudlow and Reiner are mere labourers in the Big Smoke, but they still get their band on every weekend and continue to dream about landing their big break.

Director Sacha Gervasi first befriended the duo when he was a teenager living in England during the '80s and has stuck with the band ever since.

While his documentary is already being called Canada's answer to Spinal Tap, the hard-luck story of Anvil seems a bit like The Blair Witch Project — like, can this movie possibly be real?

"I get that a lot. I directed the movie and there are still parts of it I don't believe myself," Gervasi laughs.

"It's admittedly been a challenge convincing people that the movie isn't an elaborate ruse. Keep in mind that many people thought Spinal Tap was a real band when that movie came out. And Anvil's drummer has the same name as Spinal Tap's director — you can't make this stuff up."

"Anvil was actually featured in a recent issue of Spin Magazine," Gervasi says. "The way people have embraced this story is absolutely surreal."

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Del Toro to co-author vampire books

Director Guillermo del Toro has teamed up with horror author, Chuck Hogan, to write The Strain, a trilogy of books about a vampire attack on the world. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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Trite Ghosts dead on arrival

Ghosts of **Girlfriends Past**

Director: Mark Waters
Stars: Matthew McConaughey, Jennifer Garner
Classification: STC
Rating: ●

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Charles Dickens' beloved and oft-imitated A Christmas Carol gets another swipe taken at it with Ghosts of Girlfriends Past, a movie clearly thought up title first.

Matthew McConaughey stars as Matthew McConaughey, though we're told he's playing Connor Mead, a celebrity photographer and serial womanizer who was born and raised in Massachusetts, despite his perma-tan and Texas accent.

He ventures home for the wedding of his brother, played by Breckin Meyer (several shades paler and a good head shorter than McConaughey) and proceeds to bah-humbug the whole celebration in a not-terribly-convincing down-with-love drunken tirade.

Jennifer Garner and Matthew McConaughey star in Ghosts of Girlfriends Past.

Of course, there to challenge his status quo is the one who got away, played begrudgingly by Jennifer Garner.

After a particularly impressive scotch intake, Connor runs into the ghost of his dead uncle (Michael Douglas), who warns him that he will be visited by three … well, you know the rest. The ensuing flashbacks serve solely to make fun of hairstyles and music from the past 25 years, which are apparently funny only because they are no longer popular. Good to know.

But the movie's greatest sin — and there are many, from a forced and lifeless wedding cake catastrophe to an actual rain of used condoms — is its pervasive misogyny. Douglas' character gets to spout most of the woman-hating bromides, because he can get away with since he's from a bygone era (or so the filmmakers' logic seems to go).

But there's plenty to go around. And for all of the "lessons" Connor learns about the emptiness of his lifestyle, it's clear from that the folks behind this film think it's actually pretty darn awesome.

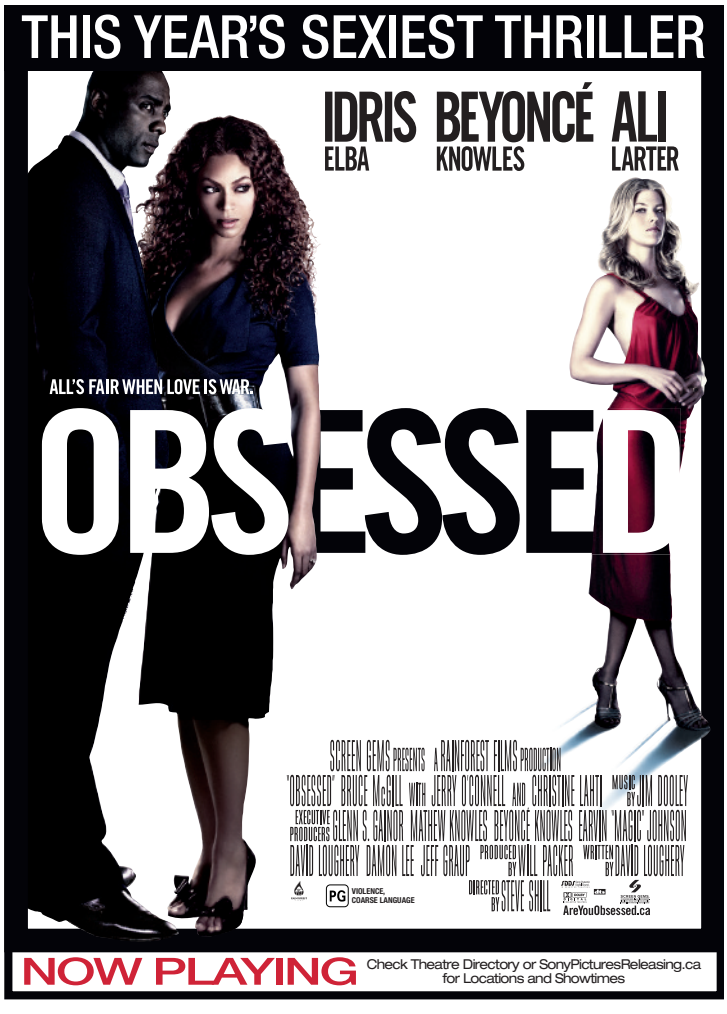
In the end, Connor learns his lesson and every single character — even the most minor, some of whom never even had dialogue — is painstakingly paired off. The movie thinks it's charming, but it really isn't. Much like its protagonist.

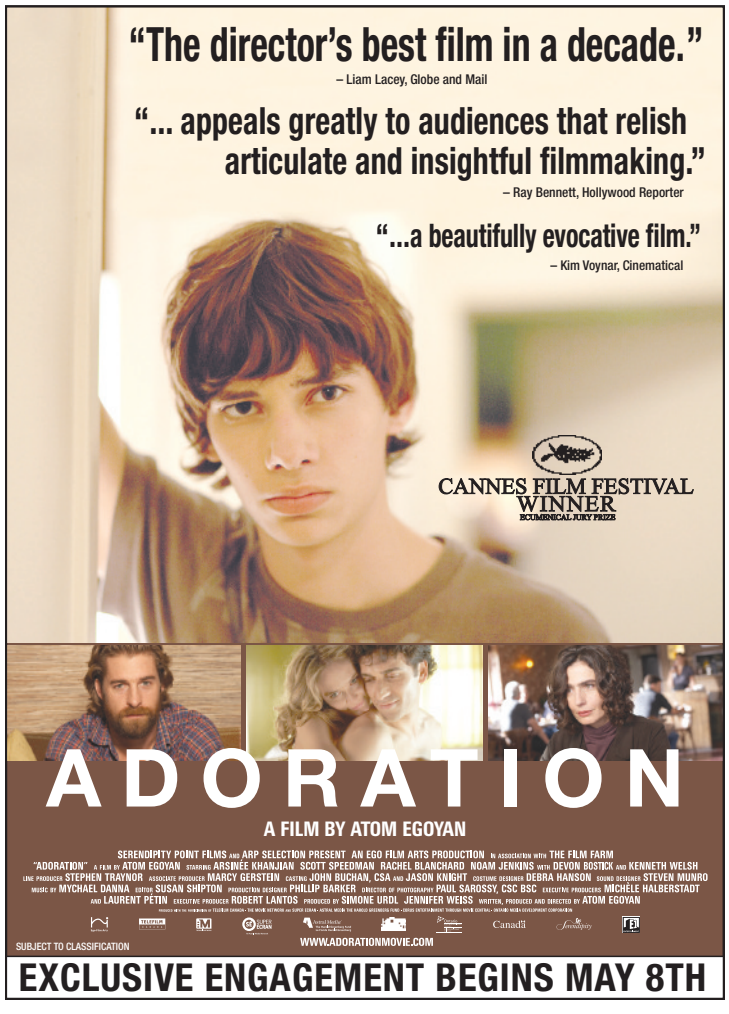
Potter film summer favourite: Poll

SURVEY Movie fans expect British boy wizard Harry Potter will magically rule box offices in the upcoming summer blockbuster season that will see familiar faces like Sandra Bullock and breakout roles for a pair of Star Trek stars.

Thirty-nine per cent of respondents in an online poll released Thursday by AOL website Moviefone.com named Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince the summer movie they most want to see. Sixty per cent of the 280,000 respondents said they expect the new Harry Potter movie, which opens on July 15, to be the top box office draw of the upcoming blockbuster season.

"It's going to be a big summer for Harry Potter, people absolutely love that franchise, and for the most part the films seem to get better each time out," said Scott Robson, editor-in-chief of Moviefone. REUTERS





SAG members to vote on producers contract
The Screen Actors Guild will mail ballots to members on May 19 to see if they will accept a two-year contract with producers. The guild's national board approved the contract for film and television work on April 19. **TVGUIDE.COM**

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Full power to superhero spinoffs

InFocus

Just as Maude spun off from the sitcom All in the Family, superhero characters have often left the safety of the ensemble to strike out on their own. This weekend Wolverine leaves the comfort of Professor Charles Xavier's School for Gifted (read: Mutant) Youngsters to headline his own movie, X-Men Origins: Wolverine.

It's not uncommon for television and movie characters to appear in spinoffs, but why does the comic book world seem to spawn more ancillary projects than any other genre?

"Because superhero movies are based on strong characters with rich histories it's almost impossible to fit all the most compelling aspects of these heroes and their key stories into one film," says watchtowerpodcast.com comic book expert Jeff Moss. "That's especially true in the case of 'team' stories. Even some of the peripheral characters in the X-Men universe have deep back-stories that would make for great movies."

Among the first of those deep back stories producers tried to exploit sprung from the phenomenally successful Christopher Reeve Superman movies. 1984's Supergirl is the story of Superman's cousin Kara Zor-El, (Canadian Helen Shaver in her big screen debut), who leaves her isolated Kryptonian home to reclaim the powerful Omegahedron orb (which can infuse an artificial structure with life) from the evil witch Selena (Faye "I'm considering nothing less than world domination" Dunaway). Unlike its male oriented predecessors, it was a critical debacle, but grabbed the number one slot at the box office on its opening weekend nonetheless.

"Even some of the peripheral characters in the X-Men universe have deep back-stories that would make for great movies."
Comic book expert Jeff Moss

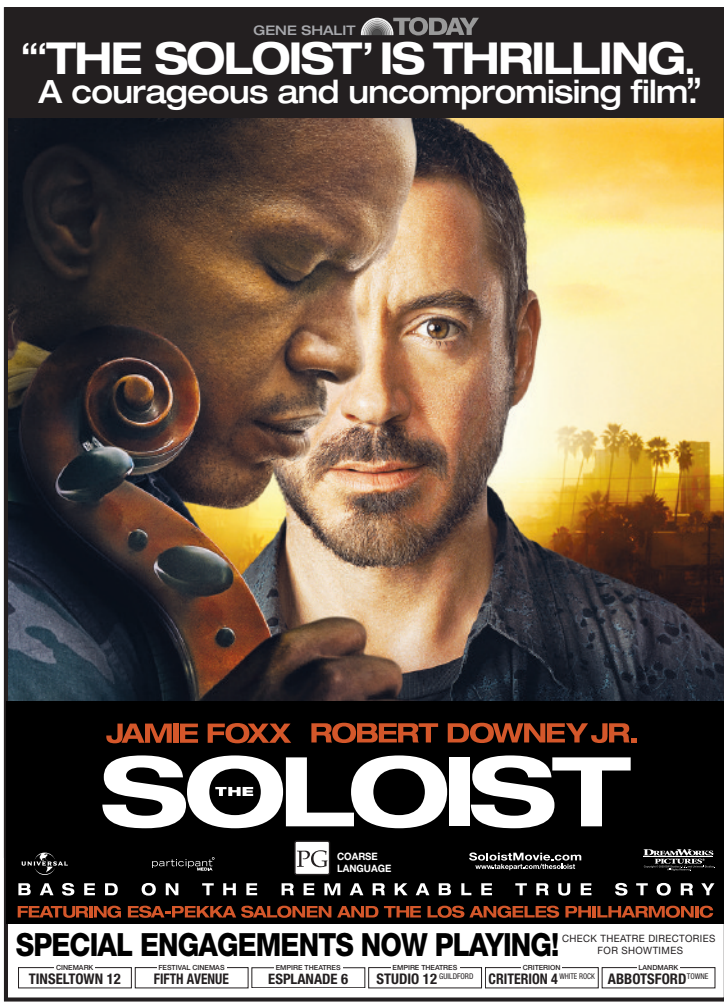
Another female superhero spinoff didn't even fare as well as Supergirl. Elektra, an offshoot from the 2003 movie Daredevil, should have been a slam dunk for star Jennifer Garner. Coming off the success of her butt-kicking secret agent series Alias, she should have aced the role of Elektra, an international assassin whose dispatches enemies with a deadly dagger, but audiences stayed away. On its opening weekend it ranked fifth at the box office and only earned a 34 per cent rating on Metacritic.

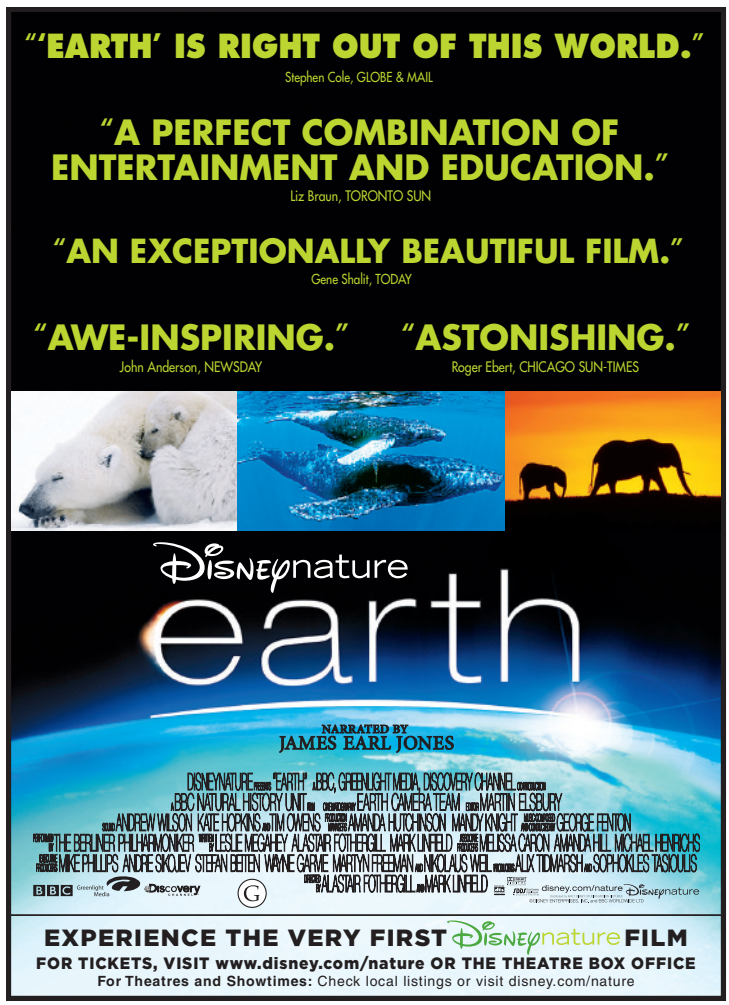
Catwoman, Halle Berry's Batman spinoff, was an even bigger disaster, even ranking on Roger Ebert's list of most hated films. Berry acknowledged the film's failure when she accepted the Golden Raspberry for Worst Actress. "I want to thank Warner Brothers. Thank you for putting me in a piece of sh—, god-awful movie…"

The ultimate superhero spin off and comic fan geek-out, however, is yet to come. The Avengers, featuring an all-star line-up including Hulk, Iron Man, Thor, Ant Man and Captain America, already has a confirmed released date of May 4, 2012.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Batman spinoff Catwoman, starring Oscar winner Halle Berry, fell flat with both critics and audiences.





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OMNIMAX THEATRE SCIENCE WORLD
1455 Quebec St., 604-443-7443

Extra Large Shorts (STC) Sat 7:30
Journey Into Amazing Caves (STC) Fri-Thu 1
Roving Mars (G) Fri 11-3 Sat-Thu 11-3-5 Fri 7:30
Van Gogh: Brush With Genius (STC) Fri-Thu 12-2-4 Fri-Sat 8:30

CN IMAX THEATRE
201-999 Canada Place, 604-682-4629

Deep Sea 3D (G) Fri-Sun 12-4-6
Space Station 3D (G) Fri-Sun 2-5
U2 3D (G) Fri-Sun 8
Under the Sea 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1-3-7

DUNBAR THEATRE
4555 Dunbar Street, 604-222-2991

Listings not available at press time.

FIFTH AVENUE CINEMAS
2110 Burrard Street, 604-734-7469

Gomorrah (14A) Fri-Thu 3:50-9
Sin Nombre (14A) Fri-Thu 2:15-4:30-7:20-9:20
The Soloist (PG) Fri-Thu 1:45-4:20-7-9:30
Sunshine Cleaning (14A) Fri-Thu 2-4:10-7:05-9:10
Tulpan (PG) Fri-Tue 1:20-6:50 Wed 1:20 Thu 1:20-6:50
Two Lovers (PG) Fri-Thu 1:30-4-7:10-9:25

GRANVILLE
855 Granville St., 604-684-4000

Anvil! The Story of Anvil (STC) Fri 7:25-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-7:25-9:20 Mon-Thu 6:25-8:20
Duplicity (PG) Fri 7-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:05-4-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 6-8:45
Hunger (14A) Fri 7:10-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:15-4:10-7:10-9:35 Mon-Thu 6:10-8:35
Knowing (14A) Fri 7:05-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:05-7:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:05-8:50
Observe and Report (18A) Fri 7:20-9:25 Sat-Sun 1:25-4:20-7:20-9:25 Mon-Thu 6:20-8:25
Opus Arte: La Bayadère (The Temple Dancer - Ballet) (STC) Sat 1
Taken (14A) Fri-Sat 7:15-9:30 Sun 1:20-4:15-7:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 6:15-8:30
Watchmen (18A) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 1-4:25-8 Mon-Thu 8

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE
3123 W. Broadway, 604-738-3211

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG) Fri 7:30 Sat 1:30-7:30 Sun-Thu 7:30
Fiddler on the Roof (Sing-a-long) (STC) Sun 3
Yes Man (PG) Fri 10:20 Sat 4:20-10:20 Sun-Thu 10:20

OAKRIDGE
650 West 41st Ave., 604-263-1944

Fighting (PG) DTS Digital Fri 7:25-10:25 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:25-10:25 DTS Digital Mon-Thu 7:25-10:25
Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) DTS Digital Fri 7:10-9:35 DTS Digital Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:35 DTS Digital Mon-Wed 7:10-9:35
Star Trek (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Thu 7:15-10:15
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 7:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1-4-7:10 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Wed 7:10 DTS Digital Thu 7:10

PACIFIC CINÉMATHÈQUE
1131 Howe Street, 604-688-3456

Blowdown: Rocket Tower (STC) Fri-Sat
Carts of Darkness (STC) Fri
The Dolphin Dealer (STC) Fri-Sat 5
Examined Life (STC) Wed 9:20 Thu 7:30
Helen (STC) Sat 7
Iron Road (STC) Mon 7:30
My Son the Pornographer (STC) Sat
Short Drama (STC) Sun
Sledhead (STC) Sun 5
Student Production (STC) Sun 7
Trouble the Water (PG) Wed 7:30 Thu 9:15
Warrior Boys (STC) Fri 7:30
Your Mother Should Know (STC) Sat 9

PARK THEATRE
3440 Cambie Street, 604-876-2747

Earth (G) Fri 4-7-9 Sat-Sun 2-4-7-9 Mon-Thu 4-7-9

RIDGE THEATRE
3131 Arbutus Street, 604-738-6311

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (STC) Fri 4-7-9:30 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:30 Mon-Wed 4-7-9:30 Thu 4-9:30

RIO ON BROADWAY
1660 E. Broadway, 604-878-Film

Alien (STC) Fri 12
Aliens (STC) Fri
A Burlesque Festival (STC) Thu 8-10
Heathers (STC) Sat 12
Knowing (14A) Fri 7-9:20 Sat 4:30 Sun 4:30-7-9:20 Mon 7-9:20
Object-ified (STC) Tue 6:30-9:30
River's Edge (STC) Sat
Tumbling After (STC) Wed 7:30
The Way of the B-Boy (STC) Fri 4:30
A Wink and a Smile (PG) Wed 10:30

SCOTIABANK THEATRE
900 Burrard St., 604-630-1407

17 Again (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:30
Fast & Furious (14A) Fri-Tue 1-4-7-10 Wed 1-4-10 Thu 4
Fighting (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
I Love You, Man (14A) Fri-Sat 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:30 Sun 4:40-7:40-10:30 Mon-Wed 1:40-4:40-7:40-10:30 Thu 1:40-4:40
The Metropolitan Opera: Madama Butterfly Encore II (STC) Sun 10
Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (G) Fri-Wed 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:10 Thu 12:30-3:30
Star Trek (PG) No Passes Thu 7-10 No Passes Thu 7:30-8-10:30-11
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (STC) No Passes Fri 12:20-1:20-3:20-4:20-6:20-7:20-9:20-10:20-12 No Passes Sat-Wed 12:20-1:20-3:20-4:20-6:20-7:20-9:20-10:20 No Passes Thu 12:50-1:20-1:50-4:20-4:50-7:20-7:50-10:20-10:45 No Passes Fri-Wed 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 No Passes Thu 3:50-6:50-9:50 No Passes Fri 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:45-11:40 No Passes Sat-Wed 1:50-4:50-7:50-10:45 No Passes Thu 12:20-3:20-6:20-9:20

TINSELTOWN
International Village, 88 West Pender, 3rd floor, 604-806-0799

Adventureland (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:15
Bart Got a Room (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:45-2:50-5:10-7:35-9:45
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State of Play (PG) Fri-Thu 12-1:30-2:55-4:30-6:05-7:30-9:10-10:25

VANCITY THEATRE
1181 Seymour St., 604-683-Film

Cockfighter (STC) Tue 7:30
Greed (STC) Sun 2
Malls R Us (STC) Wed 6:30-8
Secrecy (STC) Thu 7-9

VAN EAST CINEMA
2290 Commercial Drive, 604-251-1313

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (STC) Fri 7-9:20 Sat-Sun 4:40-7-9:20 Mon-Thu 7-9:20

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ESPLANADE 6
200 West Esplanade, 604-983-2762

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Star Trek (PG) No Passes Thu 7-7:20-10-10:15

PARK & TILFORD
333 Brooksbank Ave., 604-985-3911

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6551 #3 Road, 604-273-7173

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14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

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DOLPHIN CINEMAS
4555 E. Hastings St., 604-293-0332

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SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
4700 Kingsway Ave., 604-435-7474

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STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

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NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

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CLOVA
5732-176th St., Surrey, 604-541-9527

X-Men Origins: Wolverine (STC) Fri-Thu 7-9:10

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

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Fast & Furious (14A) Fri 4:30-8:50 Sat 4:30-4:30-8:50-10:45 Sun-Thu 4:30-8:50
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Observe and Report (18A) Fri-Sat 2:30-10:05 Sun 2:30
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Race to Witch Mountain (PG) Fri-Sun 2:25-4:30-6:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:30
Slumdog Millionaire (14A) Fri-Sun 12
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STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey, 604-501-9400

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15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

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2381 King George Hwy., 604-531-7456

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COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

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TWILIGHT DRIVE-IN
260th Street & Fraser Hwy., 604-856-5063

Dragonball: Evolution (PG) Fri-Sat 8:45 Sun-Thu 10:45
Valkyrie (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30
X-Men Origins: Wolverine (STC) Fri-Sat 10:30 Sun-Thu 8:45

Billboard's top albums
1. Deeper Than Rap, Rick Ross, left; **2.** Hannah Montana Soundtrack: **3.** Sounds Of The Universe, Depeche Mode; **4.** Unstoppable, Rascal Flatts; **5.** Asleep in the Bread Aisle, Asher Roth. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Putting the pieces together

Lady Sovereign returns revitalized with latest album Jigsaw

JASON RICHARDS
for Metro Canada

Something seemed amiss with Lady Sovereign at a certain point during her U.S. promotional tour in 2007.

Riding on a wave of hype after her Jay-Z-endorsed signing to Def Jam Recordings, the British rapper buckled under the pressure in the most public of ways. She ranted about being broke and depressed onstage in Brooklyn, N.Y., abandoning her set after two songs to a sea of jeers.

That moment — immortalized on YouTube — marked the start of a downward spiral for the self-proclaimed "biggest midget in the game," who'd spent a couple of years prior rising from the U.K.'s underground grime hip-hop scene.

While her debut album Public Warning's first single Love Me Or Hate Me topped charts, she failed to catch on in the States and was eventually dropped from her label.

The massive touring and publicity blitz Lady Sovereign underwent during that phase of her career was frustrating, but not without its lessons.

"I learned that there's a line that I had to draw for myself to keep myself sane and not tire myself out," she told Metro over the phone from her place in London. "Because it's not good for me or anyone else around me. Trust me."

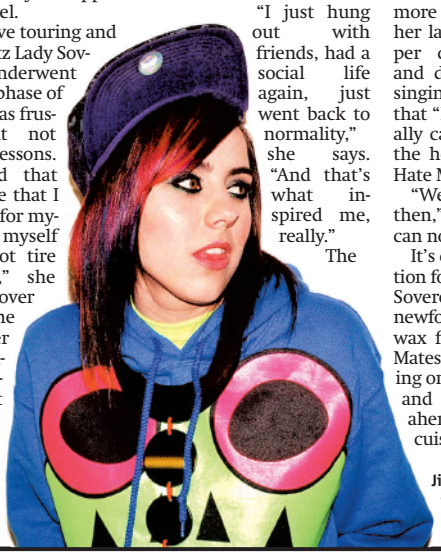
When she returned to England, Sovereign was unable to focus on music, so she took six months off and did "not much, to be honest."

"I just hung out with friends, had a social life again, just went back to normality," she says. "And that's what inspired me, really."

The fruits of that inspiration can be heard on her new album, Jigsaw, released on her own Midget Records. The album has a much more electronic feel than her last, and finds the rapper chanting M.I.A.-style and doing a whole lot of singing — a surprise, given that "I can't dance and I really can't sing" was one of the hooks on Love Me Or Hate Me.

"Well I couldn't sing then," she says. "I kind of can now, just a little bit."

It's definitely a new direction for the 23-year-old Lady Sovereign, who uses her newfound vocal stylings to wax flirtatious on Let's Be Mates, keep the party jumping on the sultry Bang Bang and express the more, ahem, sensual aspects of cuisine on Food Play.



Jigsaw is the latest album from British hip-hop artist Lady Sovereign.

See it live

- Lady Sovereign plays Richard's On Richards May 22.

"I had this friend who was majorly into food and I'd always make fun of him, very tongue-in-cheek," she says, explaining the song's origins. "But I know people love that song for whatever reason."

Her new sound isn't the only dramatic change she's made, though. Gone is the trademark "side ponytail" that had been a mainstay of her image throughout her career.

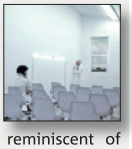
"It was just one of those things," she says. "I was sitting in front of the mirror, brushing my hair, and was like 'screw this.' Half an hour later I'd left the house with my hair down."

"It looks better now, I think."

Metro recommends

• UGK 4 Life, UGK:
The late Pimp C's beats and rhymes help UGK deliver one last dirty-south hip-hop classic.

• The Future Will Come, The Juan MacLean:
Kitschy electro-pop big on disco rhythms, '80s synths and guy-girl vocals reminiscent of the Human League.



• Yes, Pet Shop Boys, Pet Shop Boys:
Legendary Euro-dance duo evokes a club-like atmosphere, mixing orchestral synth-pop with a host of house beats.

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Amazon.ca's bestselling albums

1. Quiet Nights, Diana Krall (left); **2.** Together Through Life, Bob Dylan; **3.** Live In London, Leonard Cohen; **4.** Sounds Of The Universe, Depeche Mode; **5.** Fantasies, Metric. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

This day in music

Major events in music to have occurred on May 1:

1995 — Live's Throwing Copper hits the top slot on the Billboard album charts exactly one year after the day of its release.

1979 — Elton John becomes the first pop music artist to perform in Israel.

1970 — Diana Ross leaves the Supremes to focus on her solo career.

1967 — Elvis Presley marries Priscilla Beaulieu in Las Vegas.

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TOP 10
MOBILE DOWNLOADS

1. Right Round — Flo Rida
2. Kiss Me Thru The Phone — Soulja Boy
3. Crack a Bottle — Eminem
4. Dead And Gone — T.I.
5. Love Game — Lady Gaga
6. I'm On A Boat — Lonely Island
7. Single Ladies — Beyoncé
8. Jai Ho! — A.R. Rahman
9. Untouched — Veronicas
10. Boom Boom Pow — Black Eyed Peas

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Punk rock's big Breakdown

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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WARNER MUSIC PHOTO

Green Day's 21st Century Breakdown is set for release on May 15.

Back in the spring of 2004, when I heard that Green Day was going to launch a comeback with a punk rock opera, I kinda snorted. In my defence, so did a lot of other people.

The general consensus was that Green Day was on the downside of its career, soon to be relegated to "'90s at noon" request shows. Sure, the kids seemed to dig the band when it went out on tour with Blink 182. And yeah, that greatest hits record did well. But to resuscitate a career with a punk rock opera? Seriously?

Even insiders didn't express much confidence. Secret reservations — never confirmed and always denied — were whispered that this CD would be lucky to sell 75,000 copies in Canada.

All this seems silly now. American Idiot became a mega-selling Bush-bashing opus that not only captured a surly public's mood during W's second term but also the travesty that followed Hurricane Katrina with Wake Me Up When September Ends. The CD is within a hair's breadth of selling a million copies in Canada alone. Add in the six million(-ish) units sold in the U.S. and many more millions around the world — well, don't we all look foolish for having doubted Billie Joe and Co.?

So what do you do for an encore? A sequel. Naturally.

Two weeks from today, Green Day gets the equivalent of a holiday weekend movie opening for the release of 21st Century Breakdown. Hopes are so high that the band's label can't wait until the usual Tuesday to get the record out. I don't blame them. I've heard the album and I think it's brilliant.

The libretto for 21st Century Breakdown is built around two American kids, Christian (a "kamikaze nihilist") and Gloria (a naive idealist). Together, the young couple are left to make sense of the world wrought by their 43rd president. Their story is told through three acts and 17 songs. (Yes, that's the official number of tracks.) It's filled with complex movements, delicate piano breaks, Beatles-esque moments and the kind of anthemic stuff that'll drive concert security forces crazy.

Butch Vig — the knob twiddler behind Nirvana's Nevermind — must have had the time of his life (no pun intended) producing this record. This is a tight, taunt, tense record, but one that still manages to end on a positive note.

I'm sorry I doubted you, Green Day. Won't happen again.

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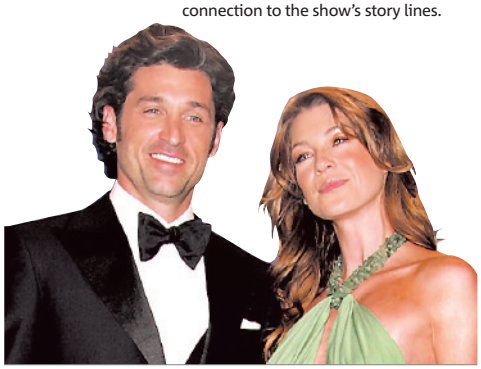
Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Mar-Der Wedding

EVENT Grey's Anatomy's Meredith Grey and Derek Shepherd, played by Ellen Pompeo and Patrick Dempsey, are getting married. An online invitation to RSVP for the fictional couple's upcoming wedding drew 1,400 replies in the first 24 hours. The website includes a gift registry page, where visitors are invited to donate to charities that have a connection to the show's story lines.



2 JCVD

DVD The Muscles from Brussels shows real acting chops in this film. Part Hollywood satire, part action thriller, this movie follows Van Damme as he walks into a heist, which swiftly turns into a hostage situation.

3 X-Men Origins: Wolverine

FILM Arguably everyone's favourite mutant, Wolverine, reprised by Aussie Hugh Jackman, returns to the big screen for the first major blockbuster of the summer. This time, the adamantium-clawed superfreak is pitted against other evil freaks, a mad scientist and a brutal big brother. South African filmmaker Gavin Hood, known for his Oscar-winning Tsotsi, directs.

4 Japandroids

BAND This Vancouver garage-rock band is creating such a buzz that it may even drown out their characteristic distorted riffs. The group's debut full-length Post-Nothing has not only been feted by popular blogs on the Internet, it has also been hailed by indie tastemaker Pitchfork, which gave the record a coveted 8.3 out of 10 and a spot in its "best new music" section.

5 Chuck

SHOW This NBC spy-comedy may be hanging by a thin thread after wrapping up its second season this week but it has no shortage of love from fans. Dedicated viewers are using online platforms such as Twitter and food franchises like Subway to keep the show from getting axed. Even critics have joined in, literally begging the network to keep the Zachary Levy-starring show going.

6 Together Through Life: Bob Dylan

ALBUM The American Bard is batting for his fifth No.1 spot with this dark, brooding look at a country on a downward spiral. He sings in the voices of all kinds of malcontents — drifters, jealous lovers, drunks — without losing his self-deprecating wit. Choice lyric: "I'm listening to Billy Joe Shaver and I'm reading James Joyce ... Some people they tell me I got the blood of the land in my voice."

Michelle Obama

PERSONALITY One hundred days into her tenure, and the U.S. First Lady just keeps getting better and better. Not only did she make it to People magazine's 100 most beautiful issue, but she is also continuing her husband's grassroots-level activism in Washington. This week, she joined more than 100 congressional spouses to feed hungry children in the District of Columbia.

7

Mix of Six

Emily Carr Grad Exhibitions

When: Saturday
Where: Emily Carr University of Art and Design

Graduates and undergraduates from the Design, Fine Arts and Media programs will be showcasing their artwork. The full graduation exhibition runs from May 3-17 at the school.

Weakerthans and Constantines

When: Saturday and Sunday
Where: Commodore Ballroom

Award-winning Canadian indie-folk band the Weakerthans will be playing with alt-rockers the Constantines.

BMO Marathon

When: Sunday
Where: Concord Pacific Place

Thousands of runners will participate in the 37th annual BMO marathon.

K-OS

When: Thursday and Friday
Where: Various venues

Canadian artist K-OS will be in Vancouver for two shows during his Karma Tour. Fans can make a "Karma Donation" at the door.

Burlesque Festival

When: Friday to May 10
Where: Various venues

The fourth annual VIBF kicks off this weekend with the Banquet of Broads at the Russian Confederation Hall. The festival celebrates the diversity of the Vancouver Burlesque community. For more information visit vanburlesquefest.com

Make It - fashion, art & design market

When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Roundhouse Arts & Recreation Centre

The fashion, art and design market gives Vancouverites the chance to buy unique, ethically made goods from top Canadian artisans. There will be local DJs, drinks and yummy treat to be enjoyed.

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McMahon's legal battle

Ed McMahon is set to give evidence in his legal case against a Los Angeles medical facility — from his hospital bed. McMahon is suing Cedars-Sinai Medical Center after they misdiagnosed a broken neck in 2007. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Television

Booth, Cattrall lend voices to Parker

SUPPLIED PHOTO

Kristin Booth voices Parker Novak and Kim Cattrall voices Dee in Producing Parker.

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Kristin Booth has spoken to, reacted at and also stars alongside Sex and the City siren Kim Cattrall ... but she's never even met her.

"I hope I get to meet her," the sprightly Genie-winning actress from Kitchener, Ont., says with a booming laugh. "That's the most challenging thing about animation. You're not generally in the studio with the other actors. You're by yourself."

Booth stars as title character Parker Novak in Producing Parker, a new prime time animated series that premieres Monday on TV-tropolis. Her character is the producer of a daytime talk show, The Dee Show, where she must reconcile the neurotic habits of host Dee — voiced by Cattrall

"Dee is crazy … basically every stereotype of an obsessive compulsive but combined with a ladder climbing, alcoholic, anorexic, self-possessed, self-obsessed woman," Booth says, laughing. "Parker has to wrangle her."

And despite having to act with an absent Cattrall, Booth says the actress' effective vocalisation of Dee informed her own.

"I got to listen to some of the stuff she recorded, which helped me tremendously because I knew where she was going with Dee and how Parker would react to that and interact with the way she was playing Dee."

Still, she cites the process of acting in isolation as one of the most difficult parts of voicing an animated character.

"It's bizarre!" she says. "You're in there and you could be falling from a building and screaming and you have to…" Booth pants "…do breath. It's all your voice. You can't show anything with your facial expressions."

But in constriction, Booth finds release. "When you only have your voice, nobody can see you," she says.

The freeing experience allowed her uninhibited use of usually visible acting characteristics to bolster her vocal timbre. "All the weird facial expressions or contorted body movements you would probably do but you know would look ridiculous on camera you can do! And nobody but the director and engineers see you!"

Not being seen on screen might be a deal breaker for most emerging young actresses like Booth, still fresh off film festival successes like Young People F—ing and This Beautiful City. But Booth says she's always strived to work on projects she would want to watch, punctuating her passion for Parker.

"Here was an opportunity to challenge myself like I had never been challenged before and do something I've never really done before but also be a part of something groundbreaking in the way of an adult cartoon geared toward women," she says. "The things that were enticing me to it were so large, there was no way I could say no."

Did anybody else hear that?

Somebody is apparently haunting the nine-bedroom Bel Air mansion where the American Idol contestants are bunking. "Some people are convinced that there's a ghost there, especially Allison (Iraheta)," a skeptical Anoop Desai tells People. PEOPLE.COM

Entertainment

Examining Media Issues

InDepth

Influenza A: Rising concerns over the recently renamed influenza A (H1N1) — formerly human swine flu — may have more people interested in learning not only about the virus, but also how things like influenza spread from person to person. Here are a few suggestions for further reading and watching:

• Health Canada (hc-sc.gc.ca), the U.S. Center for Disease Control (cdc.gov), and the United Nation's World Health Organization (who.int) offer updated information on health alerts and advice to the public and professionals.

• Malcolm Gladwell's book The Tipping Point offers a wonderful view of how trends — and disease — spread among society and become pandemics. Another book about the spread of disease, Steven Johnson's The Ghost Map, is a medical thriller about the spread of Cholera through London in 1854. Recent Giller Prize winner Vincent Lam has also written a book called The Flu Pandemic and You, about how to prepare for the next influenza pandemic, and how to understand the broader context in which the threat exists.

• CTV's Plaque City: SARS in Toronto offers a dramatized look at the effect the SARS crisis had on health-care workers in Toronto. The American Experience's Influenza 1918 looks at the spread of one of the worst pandemics in world history. Visit PBS.org for more on the documentary.

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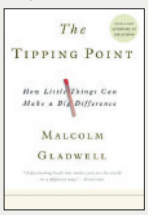

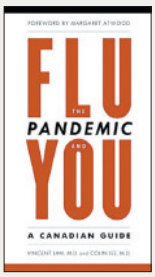

Willis' career still strong

Action stars may lose their currency as they move into their 50s. But Bruce Willis keeps on raking in the offers.

The newly remarried Die Hard star, who turned 54 last month, has been in discussions to shoot and fight his way through three indie action pictures — a thriller titled Inventory, the CIA tale Red and the mob biopic Scarpa.

In Inventory, Willis would play a detective on the trail of a murderer. It is set up at NuImage/Millennium, which is handling Sylvester Stallone's latest crop of movies.

Bruce Willis

In the comic-book adaptation Red, he would portray a former black-ops agent who is forced out of retirement when a high-tech assassin comes a-callin'. Summit Films, the studio behind the Twilight movies, has made an offer on Red, and Willis' camp has counter offered. Willis has also been weighing an offer from Morgan Creek to play the title character in Scarpa, a mob biopic about Greg Scarpa, an FBI informant who worked deeply undercover in New York's Columbo family.

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Evolving 10

1. The Rake's Song, **The Decemberists**
2. Blood Bank, **Bon Iver**
3. I'm Confused, **Handsome Furs**
4. The Fear, **Lily Allen**
5. Use Somebody, **Kings of Leon**
6. Elizabeth, **Like a Martyr**
7. Without Again, **Elliott Brood**
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9. Microphone, **Coconut Records**
10. Zero, **Yeah Yeah Yeahs**

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VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
5/1/09 primetime	251	308	3	CBC	22 Minutes	Laughs	Winnipeg Comedy Festival		CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	255	358	6	JOY	E News	The Insider	THS Investigates: Plastic Surgery Nightmares (N) (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News (N)	
	250	321	9	CTV	etalk (CC)	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer "Cursed"		Flashpoint "Perfect Storm"		Spectacle: Elivs		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	Entertainment	Malcolm-Mid.	Prison Break "S.O.B." (N)		(:01) Dollhouse "Briar Rose"		NUMB3RS "Disturbed" (N)		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Wife Swap "Schults/Smith"		Supernanny (CC)		Whistler (CC) (DVS)		News (N)
	253	359	13	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker (CC) (DVS)		Departures (CC)		Out There	Out There	The List
	-	-	14	CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Hates Chris	The Game (N)	America's Next Top Model		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer "Cursed"		Flashpoint "Perfect Storm"		NUMB3RS "Disturbed" (N)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Howie Do It	Howie Do It	Dateline NBC (CC)				News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Wife Swap "Schults/Smith"		Supernanny (CC)		20/20 (CC)		News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Prison Break "S.O.B." (N)		(:01) Dollhouse "Briar Rose"		News (N)	Most Wanted	Family Guy
family sports news	502	390	26	NW	CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		Planet Earth (CC)		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
	407	419	22	RSP	Sportsnet	MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Seattle Mariners. (Subject to Blackout)					Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)				NASCAR Racing Nationwide Series -- Lipton Tea 250. (Same-day Tape)				SportsCentre
cable variety	552	543	25	YTV	Material Girls ★ (2006) Hilary Duff. Premiere. (CC)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Batman	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama	Batman Forever ★★ (1995) Val Kilmer, Tommy Lee Jones.			
	268	354	5	KNO	For King and Empire (CC)		Poirot (N) (CC)		Life Begins "Time Goes By"		Comic Book Confidential ★★★ (1988)		
	575	583	20	CMT	Take Me Home: The John Denver Story ★★ (2000) Chad Lowe.					Candid C.	Take Me Home: The John Denver Story		
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Body Count"		Criminal Minds (CC)		CSI: Miami "10-7" (CC)		CSI: Miami "Broken" (CC)		CSI: Miami
	521	560	34	TLC	Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear (CC)		Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear "Pam D."		Weddings
	616	522	35	SHO	The Outer Limits (CC)		The Best Years "Vertigo"		Testees	Kenny	Webdreams	Sin Cities	Wife Swap
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:00) Must Love Dogs ★★		(:10) My Boys	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	(:40) Clueless ★★★ (1995) Alicia Silverstone. (CC)			
	603	561	52	FN	Diners	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Dinner	Diners
	320	621	50	CEN	(6:30) Cyborg Soldier (2008)		Fred Claus ★★ (2007, Comedy) Vince Vaughn. Premiere.				Who's Your Caddy? ★ (2007) (CC)		
	581	566	101	MTV	Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	MTV Live	Cribs (CC)	The Real World "Key West"		Fantasy Fact.	Nitro Circus	Made (CC)

SATURDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
5/2/09 primetime	251	308	3	CBC	Comedy Fest.	Comedy Fest.	The Pink Panther ★★★ (1964) Peter Sellers. (CC)				News (CC)	Pulp Fiction ★★★ (1994)	
	255	358	6	JOY	Out There	E News	FANatical	Family	Cradle of Lies (2006) Shannon Sturges, Dylan Neal. (CC)				News (N)
	250	321	9	CTV	W-FIVE (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		Southland "Sally in the Ally"		Law & Order "Rapture"		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	ET Canada	Masterminds	Big Business, Big Union		Doc (CC)		Doc (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Comedy Now "Paul Sveen"		Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13	CITY	Without a Trace "Kam Li"		Murdoch Mysteries		Housesitter (2007, Suspense) Tori Spelling. (CC) (DVS)				Role
	-	-	14	CW	CSI: NY (CC)		Boston Legal "Smile" (CC)		Boston Legal (CC)		CSI: NY "Past Imperfect"		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment Tonight (N)		Without a Trace (CC)		Harper's Island "Bang" (N)		48 Hours Mystery (N) (CC)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Law & Order: SVU		Southland "Sally in the Ally"		Law & Order "Rapture"		News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban ★★★ (2004, Fantasy) Daniel Radcliffe. (CC)						News
	290	382	23	FOX	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup		Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	Friends	Friends	News (N)	Most Wanted	MADtv (CC)
family sports news	502	390	26	NW	Doc Zone (N) (CC)		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone (CC)		Sat. Report
	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Cooper 360
	407	419	22	RSP	(6:00) MLB Baseball Oakland Athletics at Seattle Mariners.				The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30	TSN	NASCAR Racing: Sprint Cup		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		ATP Tennis Internazionali BNL d'Italia -- Semifinal. (CC)				SportsCentre
cable variety	552	543	25	YTV	True Jackson	True Jackson	Ella Enchanted ★★ (2004) Anne Hathaway. (CC)				Naruto (CC)	Bleach	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Dennis the Menace ★★ (1993) Walter Matthau. (CC)				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
	268	354	5	KNO	Nat. Geo. Ultimate Explorer		Heartbeat "Stop Gap" (CC)		Midsomer Murders "Sins of Commission" (CC)				Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	Jann Arden, Live		Grand Ole Opry Live		Hope & Faith	Hope & Faith	Ult. Coyote Ugly Search		Ed (CC)
	615	520	31	A&E	(5:00) True Lies ★★★ (CC)		The Sopranos (CC)		True Lies ★★★ (1994) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jamie Lee Curtis. (CC)				
	521	560	34	TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		48 Hours
	616	522	35	SHO	Mutant X "Interface" (CC)		I Me Wed (2007, Romance-Comedy) Erica Durance. (CC)				Borat: Cultural Learnings of America		
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:00) Wedding Crashers ★★★ (2005) (CC)		Not Another Teen Movie ★ (2001, Comedy)				(:15) American Pie 2 ★★ (2001) (CC)		
	603	561	52	FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		The F Word		Challenge Wedding cake.		Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Nightmares
	320	621	50	CEN	(6:30) Kung Fu Panda (2008)		Kung Fu Panda ★★★ (2008, Comedy) (CC)		Superbad ★★★ (2007) Jonah Hill, Michael Cera. (CC)				
	581	566	101	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After

SUNDAY

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
5/3/09 primetime	251	308	3	CBC	To Be Announced		To Be Announced				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News (CC)
	255	358	6	JOY	Mysteries	Mysteries	Extreme Makeover: Home		The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News (N)
	250	321	9	CTV	Star Wars	Degrassi	The Amazing Race 14 (N)		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) The Mentalist (N) (CC)		News (N)
	252	336	11	GTV	16:9 Picture	Bob & Doug	Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	Amer Dad	Brothers & Sisters (N) (CC)		News (N)
	256	389	12	VI	Funniest Home Videos		Gossip Girl (N) (CC)		Cold Case (N) (CC)		Medium (CC)		New Canoe
	253	359	13	CITY	Two Men	Hates Chris	Friends	Friends	Rock of Love Bus		Crusoe (CC) (DVS)		Role
	-	-	14	CW	(6:30) Jericho	Be Cool ★★ (2005, Comedy) John Travolta, Uma Thurman. (CC)					Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15	CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		The Amazing Race 14 (N)		Cold Case (N) (CC)		The Unit "Endgame" (N)		News (N)
	287	379	16	NBC	Dateline NBC People who may have cash coming to them.				The Celebrity Apprentice (N) (CC)				News (N)
	288	380	21	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives (N)		(:01) Brothers & Sisters (N)		News
	290	382	23	FOX	Sit Down	Amer Dad	Simpsons	King of Hill	Family Guy	Amer Dad	News (N)	Sports	House (CC)
family sports news	502	390	26	NW	Up the Yangtze ★★★ (2007) (CC)		Our World		CBC News: Sunday Night		Up the Yangtze ★★★ (2007) (CC)		
	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Cooper 360
	407	419	22	RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		The Ultimate Fighter		Sportsnet Connected		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)				ATP Tennis Internazionali BNL d'Italia -- Final. From Rome.			Motorcycle	SportsCentre
cable variety	552	543	25	YTV	(6:00) She's the Man ★★ (2006)				Prank Patrol	In Real Life "Dirty Jobs"	Adrenaline	Survive This	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Jimmy Two	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch (CC)	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Rick & Steve
	268	354	5	KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Last Bus to Woodstock (1988, Mystery) John Thaw. (CC)				Life Begins "Time Goes By"		Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	Dixie Chicks		Gone Country	Gone Country	Dixie Chicks: Shut Up and Sing (CC)				Gone Country
	615	520	31	A&E	(5:00) Independence Day		Paranormal State (CC)		Independence Day ★★★ (1996) Will Smith, Bill Pullman. (CC)				
	521	560	34	TLC	Guess Who's Coming Over?		Joined for Life		Oldest Conjoined Twins		Guess Who's Coming Over?		Small People
	616	522	35	SHO	The Guard "Waheguru"		Lies and Crimes (2007, Suspense) Estella Warren. (CC)				Rescue Me "Wine" (CC)		The Guard
	294	650	47	TBS	(6:30) The Wedding Date		Down to Earth ★ (2001) Chris Rock. (CC)		A Lot Like Love ★★ (2005) Ashton Kutcher. (CC)				
	603	561	52	FN	Chef Jeff Project (CC)		At the Table	At the Table	Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America (CC)		Chef Jeff
	320	621	50	CEN	(6:00) The Golden Compass		Stop-Loss ★★ (2008) Ryan Phillippe, Abbie Cornish. (CC)				Revolver (2005) Jason Statham. (CC)		
	581	566	101	MTV	Canada's Next Top Model		Canada's Next Top Model		Made "Kickboxer" (CC)		Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	After Show

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Kim jumps the marital gun

Reality TV star Kim Kardashian has picked out an engagement ring, even though her boyfriend, footballer Reggie Bush, has yet to propose. She was out shopping with bride-to-be friends when she saw her perfect band. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Celebrity Buzz

Britney denies third pregnancy

RUMOUR Britney Spears has had to go on the defensive, denying claims that she's expecting a third child.

The rumour started when American Idol host Ryan Seacrest announced on his radio show that he heard from a "reliable source" that the singer is pregnant.

But Spears' spokesman says there's no truth to the story, according to the Daily Mail.

METRO WORLD NEWS

GETTY IMAGES

Rihanna 'reborn' in Barbados: Dad

RECOVERY While Chris Brown showed up in court in L.A. this week, Rihanna has been keeping a low profile in her native Barbados.

And her father, Ronald Fenty, thinks the time in the sun might be doing her some good.

"Chris sounds like old news to me," Fenty told Us Weekly, adding that his daughter is "a different person, back to herself. It's like Chris never existed. She seems reborn."

METRO WORLD NEWS

LiLo an energy drink addict?

ADDICTION Lindsay Lohan is addicted to energy drinks, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Mean Girls star — who recently "split" from her girlfriend DJ Samantha Ronson — has been gulping down bottles of the mood-enhancing soft drink to help keep her spirits high.

She said: "I drink so much of it — I love it. There are several kinds, including Neurogasm, which is for sex. But I don't need that one right now, unfortunately!"

The 22-year-old beauty — who has been to rehab three times for addictions to alcohol and drugs — is thought to be talking about either Neurosonic or Neurotrim beverages.

Energy drink Neurosonic contains caffeine and claims to enhance moods, while Neurotrim is said to stop hunger pangs, speed up metabolism and help burn fat.

Lindsay was recently spotted taking one of the soft drinks into Los Angeles club Bardot.

A source told Life and Style magazine: "I saw her driver tuck a bottle of something into his pocket before she went in. Lindsay told him, 'You don't need to hide it. It's just my Neuro.'"

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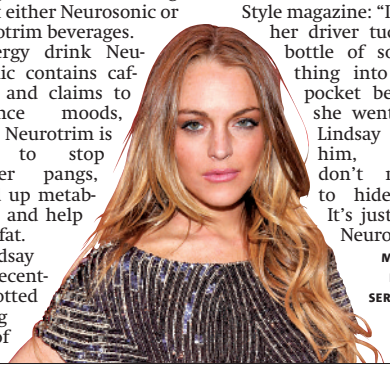

Bale explains infamous tirade

RESPONSE Christian Bale feels betrayed by the film crew who leaked his angry rant online, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Dark Knight star is happy to accept the backlash following his four-minute, foul-mouthed tirade against a Terminator Salvation crewmember who distracted him during a scene.

Bale acknowledges his attack was "overboard" but insists it shouldn't have been made public.

He said: "I did it, it's in the public space. I take the consequences for it. I'm not hiding from that. I went overboard.

"I'm not making any excuses, but there is an essential trust and it's not a tacit one, which is every sound guy says, 'We are not recording, we are not even listening.' So, well, there goes that.

"I do stress though, it's not in anyway a trust that's there to cover up bad behaviour. It's not about that. I'm not whining, but it's an essential trust that's needed for creativity."

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For the children's sake

FAMILY Tensions seem to be cooling between recently divorced Madonna and Guy Ritchie. The director is reportedly "over the moon" that the singer has agreed to let their three children stay with him for three months while she embarks on a European tour, according to the Sun.

"Guy absolutely dotes on his children and can't wait to have them for a whole three months," a source tells the newspaper.

"He is surprised and pleased that Madonna is being so generous — as she has at times been impossible."

METRO WORLD NEWS

'Don't lose that butt!'

BODY IMAGE Anna Faris starred as a Playboy Playmate in The House Bunny and donned a bikini for the cover of Self, but these days, the actress, who plans to wed actor Chris Pratt, 29, this summer, is less concerned with her figure than ever, people.com reports.

"I am the laziest person you can imagine," Faris, 32, told People on Tuesday.

Unlike brides-to-be who work hard to slim down before their weddings, Faris is enjoying putting some weight on — and keeping weight she already has.

"I am fattening it up!" she confessed when asked if she'll be changing her workout routine for the big day. "Now that I have a man, I'm like, 'Oh, I don't have to try anymore! Now I can eat.' ... He's always like, 'Baby, don't lose that butt!'"

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Speidi brave swine flu

HONEYMOON Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt decided to go ahead with their plans to honeymoon in Mexico, despite the current swine flu outbreak.

The pair was even spotted while vacationing wearing bathing suits and surgical facemasks, according to Hollyscoop.

The masks were still on when they arrived back in Los Angeles.

Montag was quick to update her Twitter account as soon as they got home, writing, "Yah we landed! Praise Jesus! Thank you God! Thank you for my soul mate!"

METRO WORLD NEWS

Alley talks weight loss

CONFESSION Kirstie Alley, who recently gained back the weight she had lost on the Jenny Craig program, told Oprah Winfrey she was ready to try again.

"We look around. We see what we want," Alley says on Winfrey's talk show. "I'm saying, I think I'm ready to work."

She also admitted that quitting Jenny Craig and trying to start her own weight loss program might have been a mistake: "We're in the middle of a recession, and I decide, yes, I'm going to create my own business."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Top Gun star out of the closet

PEOPLE Kelly McGillis, who starred alongside Tom Cruise in Top Gun, has come out of the closet.

"It's a part of being true to yourself. That's been a challenge for me," McGillis told shewired.com.

McGillis, who has two children from a previous marriage, said realizing she was a lesbian "was an ongoing process from the time I was probably 12."

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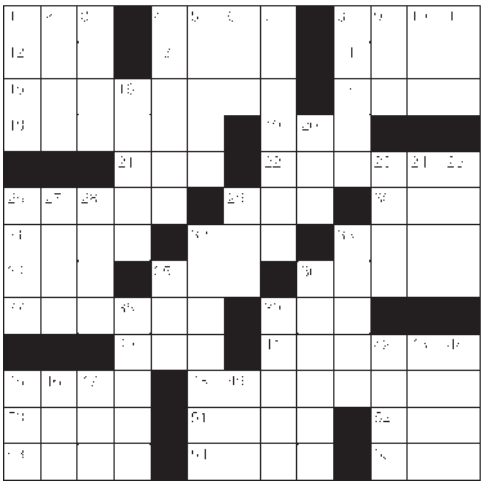

Crossword across

1 "Humbug!"
4 Trade
8 Leno's feature
12 Expert
13 Gyro holder
14 Fight the clock
15 Michael Jackson album
17 Previously owned
18 Shadow location
19 Honest politician?
21 Chemical suffix
22 Comic "married" to Fang
26 Sired
29 Visibility hindrance
30 Galena, e.g.
31 Ear-related
32 Indulge in pugilism
33 Check bar codes
34 "— Town"
35 Tussaud's medium
36 Stickup job
37 Extremely impressive
39 Bovine utterance
40 Sapporo sash
41 Entertained
45 Piece of work
48 German poet/dramatist
50 Leak slowly
51 Subsequently
52 Swiss canton
53 Will beneficiary
54 Ethereal
55 19-Across' party

Crossword down

1 Decrease
2 Needing liniment
3 Roll call reply
4 Immobilizer
5 Dorian Gray's creator
6 Corroded
7 Seeming contradiction
8 Inhumane
9 Possesses
10 Capades site
11 Homer's neighbour Flanders
16 Of the upper hipbone
20 Huge
23 Places
24 History chapters
25 Musical based on "La Boheme"
26 Amazon.com buy
27 Needle case
28 Any of the Dionne quintuplets
29 Henhouse threat
32 Starbucks employee
33 South Korean capital
35 Symbol of intrigue
36 Basis for grits
38 "The Biggest —"
39 "Real Time" moderator
42 Punch
43 Architect Saarinen
44 Plumbing problem
45 La-la preceder
46 "The Raven" writer
47 Submachine gun
49 Greek X

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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6								5
		4				1		
8	7		6		9		5	2
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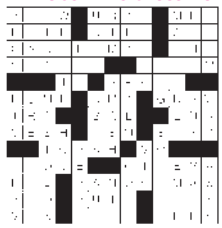

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8	7	3	5	1	4	9	6	2
4	8	9	2	6	5	7	1	3
7	3	6	1	8	9	5	2	4
5	1	2	3	4	7	8	9	6

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 min .....Genius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 min .....Smart
21-25 min.....Not bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day

Fava Bean, Shrimp and Feta Salad

INGREDIENTS:
1 can (19 oz / 540 ml) fava beans
2–3 sprigs of fresh mint
1/2 lb (250 g) feta cheese
1/2 lb (250 g) peeled, cooked shrimp

FOR DRESSING:
1 large lemon
6 tbsp (90 ml) extra virgin olive oil
1 clove garlic
Salt and black pepper

METHOD:
1. Put kettle of water on to boil. Put beans into pot with sprig of mint. Cover with boiling water and simmer 6 minutes. Drain and rinse beans, then drain again.
2. Drain and dice cheese. Put into salad bowl; add shrimp.
3. For dressing, squeeze 1/2 lemon, mix 2 tbsp (25 ml) juice with olive oil, then peel garlic and crush into the dressing. Rinse, dry and finely chop remaining mint and whisk into dressing. Season with salt and pepper to taste.
4. Add drained beans to cheese and shrimp and stir in dressing. Serve with wedges cut from remaining 1/2 lemon.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
An exceptional person makes an alarming statement. A legal issue isn't troublesome due to reconciliation. Check out a proposed business venture.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't let anyone down because you're offended. Difficulties arise when someone is huffy. A hidden agenda scares you.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Be well behaved in public. Being optimistic will give others more hope. News of momentous events cheers you up.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Do what you're told, if you're unsure. Don't settle for weak promises. Be sensitive to other people's exceptional thoughts.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
A favourite person's deed has a strange effect. Consider taking longer than expected to finish a task. You'll witness marital affection.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You'll inspire an amusing buddy. A big bargain will bring rewards. You'll get feedback on what you've done.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Ask someone to obey the rules. Don't be peeved by needless noise. A decision has been postponed.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
You'll have to take sides when you don't want to. Don't pry into other people's private feelings. A loved one may seem to be flawed.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
Someone refuses to be second-best. Important documents are found for a lost cause. A spendthrift feels deprived

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A sad person is found in a dusty place. Someone needs to forget about a personal loss. A demented guy must be considered.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Chaotic events produce some anxiety. You need to have more confidence in the future. A lively person can repair a precarious financial position.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Don't protect others from situational fallout. A relationship termination will be confusing. Use self-control and turn the other cheek in a spat.

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